ENGLISH BITES

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Episode 49: Tongue Twister
My challenge for you

Hey guys! Welcome to our ENGLISH BITES – The simplest, easiest and best way to practice your listening - the only one that is 100% created, executed and delivered from me to you - This is Erika Belmonte speaking and I'll be more than pleased to be here with you guys three times a week and I'm pretty sure we'll have a great time together - because more than learning and improving your English, I also want you to have some fun through a very exclusive content.

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OMG, I just can't believe we're almost reaching 50 episodes of our English Bites. It seems like it was yesterday that I was recording our first episode and now we're heading to episode 50. But my special message about it will be in the next episode hahaha Let's focus on today's topic because I have a challenge for you.

Have you guys ever heard of tongue-twisters? A tongue-twister is basically a sequence of words difficult to pronounce, especially rapidly because of alliteration or a slight variation of consonant sounds. A simple example is: "She sells seashells by the seashore" And I said simple because the one that I brought to our challenge is much more difficult. To be honest, it's a song and there are 4 long sentences. It's called PETER PIPER.

Just out of curiosity, I had to learn how to sing PETER PIPER when I started teaching English. The owner of the school set a challenge for the students but we teachers had to help them so I remember I spent a whole long weekend repeating it, like every other hour so on Monday I could sing it perfectly. I must confess it was really hard and it's not because we teach English or that we're fluent in English that's gonna be easy or even easier. It's a tongue-twister, come on! It's not supposed to be easy, I mean even native speakers have trouble saying it.

Ok so let's get it started. Let me tell you how it's going to work. I will start by saying the tongue-twister slowly so you can understand what's the story (silly story by the way, but the

intention is not to be a motivational or super interesting story. It's a story with similar words and hard to pronounce. That's it.) and then I'll say it once again but faster and one last time with the speed I want you to say - and that's the challenge. I really wanna hear you say so it doesn't matter if it's gonna take you days, weeks or even a month. As soon as you know how to say it, record a voice message to me. Make me proud guys. I am really looking forward to hearing from all of you ok?

Alright, are you ready? So, first time I'll go slow. Pay attention to the pronunciation alright? You don't need to focus on the meaning or translation now. Focus on the exercise.

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked.
If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers,
Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

So how was that? Too difficult? Now we're gonna do it once again but this time a little faster ok?

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LOL I looove that tongue-twister. It's always so fun to say it. And I'm pretty sure you guys are like: "No way, I'll never be able to do it, it's too difficult" Guy, believe what I'm saying... If you really invest some minutes of your day trying to repeat on and on and on... You'll get surprised with the outcome haha Ok one last time but a little faster. That's for our challenge! LOL

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Alright guys, now I want you to work hard. Challenge yourself and start practicing now! Do it! I believe in you guys, you can do it and at the same time, I'm sure you're gonna have lots of fun while making some mistakes hahaha

So, that's it for today guys. I really hope you have enjoyed today's episode. THANK YOU SO MUCH for all your support and for listening to this English bite. If you have any suggestion, anything you'd like to learn from our English Bites, please let me know alright?

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Take care of yourselves and I'll see you on the next one. Bye