



# The Trial of Peter Piper:

## An articulation & expression warm up

**Directions:** Say the tongue twister below 3-5 times. While the words will always be the same, let your expression (voice, face, body language) be different each time.

**Tips:** Try doing one round as quickly as you can. Try practicing at least once looking in a mirror.



### (THE SCENE)

Peter Piper is on trial for ALLEGEDLY picking a peck of pickled peppers. The prosecution could not produce any evidence. You are Mr. Piper's defense attorney. You are now making your final argument to the jury:

**Peter Piper**, the pickled pepper picker, picked a peck of pickled peppers.

A **PECK** of pickled peppers Peter Piper (*the pickled pepper picker*) picked.

If **Peter Piper**, "the pickled pepper picker", picked a peck of pickled peppers,

...**where's** the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper (**THE PICKLED PEPPER PICKER**) picked???

## Why will this exercise help me?

### Articulation

warm up your mouth for clear speech

### Attention

focus on your audience & why you're speaking

### Voice

use purposeful pacing, pausing, volume, and pitch variation

### Face

show your audience what you're feeling, so they'll feel it too.

### Body

gesture to place information, visualize concepts, & emphasizes points

### Nerves

levity is one of the best ways to calm nervous energy



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