# **VOCAL EXERCISES**

1) bee/bit/bake/bet, bat/bah/ball/bold, boon/boot/bud/bir, bi/boy/bayou/bow

#### **PLOSIVES:**

- 2) Portia happened to slip by Peter.
- 3) Buddy bounced the ball by the backboard.
- 4) Terry told Thomas to settle the matter.
- 5) Did Daisy peddle diamonds in Madrid?
- 6) Kenneth walked back to the cave.
- 7) Golden eagles grab big bugs.

#### **FRICATIVES:**

- 8) Frank coughed and offered Flora enough fudge.
- 9) Velma shoved Stephen into the vat with love.
- 10) Thelma thought a thief threw both things.
- 11) They then put the lather on the leather.
- 12) Sarah asked the cigar-smoking singer to stop.
- 13) Zelda was busy raising daisies in the zoo.
- 14) Sherry should be sure she pushed the machine.
- 15) The Persian lady took pleasure in the corsage.
- 16) Righteous Charles chucked the hatchet in the peaches.
- 17) Joyce fed ginger and jelly to George.
- 18) Harry hated to hurry Helen ahead.

#### **GLIDES/SEMIVOWELS:**

- 19) Wilma wailed quietly as one tear wobbled wildly.
- 20) When and why did the white whale whirl whimsically?
- 21) Lena allowed Leslie to fill the barrel.
- 22) Raymond wrote an opera of rock and roll.
- 23) Yank York, the young champion, yodeled on a yellow yacht.

### **NASALS:**

- 24) Many tame lambs came home with them.
- 25) Queen Anne knighted Newton.
- 26) Bing sang the drinking song on the banks of the Yangsing.

### **CONSONANT DRILLS:**

Repeat the following consonant drills until you can do them comfortably, rapidly and, if possible, wittily.

- 27) Tip it, pippet: tip it, pippet; tip it, pippet.
- 28) Dab a gak, dab a gak, dab a gak.
- 29) Azure zoo, azure zoo, azure zoo.
- 30) Think this fink, think this fink, think this fink.
- 31) The vase is shaded, the vase is shaded, the vase is shaded.
- 32) No ming no mong; no ming no mong; no ming no mong.
- 33) Yell when wending, yell when wending; yell when wending.

- 34) Jump Chuck, jump Chuck, jump Chuck, jump Chuck.
- 35) Tapoketa poketa poketa poketa.
- 36) Libid ibid, libid ibid, libid ibid.
- 37) Rilly billy dilly killy, rilly billy dilly killy.
- 38) Potato pit, potato pit, potato pit.
- 39) This is it, this is it, this is it, this is it.
- 40) Calumny; mercantile, exaggerate, elevate, anglophile.
- 41) Big a pig gig; big a pig gig; big a pig gig.
- 42) Rubber baby buggy bumpers, rubber baby buggy bumpers.

## **TONGUE TWISTERS:**

- 43) If the two-o-two to Tooting was too soon to toot, would the two get to Tooting as soon as the hoot?
- 44) Amidst the mists and the coldest frosts, with stoutest wrists and loudest boasts, he thrusts his fists against the posts and still insists he sees the ghost.
- 45) Betty Botter bought some butter, "But," she said, "this butter's bitter; if I put it in my batter, it will make my batter bitter; but a bit of better butter will but make my batter better." So she bought a bit o'butter better than the bitter butter and made her bitter batter better. So twas better Betty Botter bought a bit of better butter.
- 46) Betty bit a bit of butter, but it was a bitter bite; but a bit of better butter Betty never bit.
- 47) To sit in solemn silence on a dull dark dock In a pestilential prison with a lifelong lock Awaiting the sensation of a short sharp shock From a cheap and chippy chopper on a big black block.
- 48) Tongue twisters twist tongues twisted trying to untangle twisted tangles: my tang's tungled now.
- 49) Pink silk socks with shot silk spots.
- 50) Mrs. Smith's Fish Sauce Shop
- 51) How much caramel can a canny cannibal cram into a camel, if a canny cannibal can cram caramel into a camel?
- 52) Thelma saw a thistles in the thick thatch.
- 53) Unique New York, You need New York, You know you need unique New York.
- 54) Brisk brave brigadiers brandished broad bright blades, blunderbusses, and bludgeons.
- 55) Which switch is the switch, Miss, for Ipswich? It's the Ipswich switch which I require. Which switch is the switch, Miss, for Ipswich? You switched me on the wrong wire. You switched me on Norwich, not Ipswich, so now to prevent further hitch, if you'll tell me, Miss, which switch is Norwich and which switch is Ipswich, I know which switch to switch.
- 56) Did you copper-bottom 'em sir? No, I aluminumed 'em mum.