

Accent Reading #4 Consonant Sound 'TH'

The /TH/ sound

Unvoiced TH - place your tongue between your front teeth and allow air to flow continuously between your teeth and tongue.

Voiced TH - place your tongue in the same position as for the unvoiced TH, but instead of blowing air through use your voice and allow the sound to vibrate against your teeth

Listening Exercise

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| 1. thank | tank |
| 2. theme | team |
| 3. through | true |
| 4. thought | taught |
| 5. think | tink |

Listen and then Re-Read:

Unvoiced TH's

Thelma thanked me for **thinking** of her on her **birthday**. She said her son **Theodore thought** her **birthday** was not until the **thirtieth**. He's a **math** student. You would **think** he would not forget the **eleventh** day of August. Eleven is his favorite **mathematical** symbol. It is part of a **theory** behind a **mathematical** formula he's been using for his college **thesis**. He apologized **with** a sincere face and asked if **anything** he could do would make up for his forgetfulness. When he apologized for the **hundredth** time, she **thought nothing** else could be done, for he was truly repentant. She admitted that once you get past your **thirtieth birthday**, you really don't mind people forgetting!

Unvoiced /TH/ Words:

1. Think
2. Think
3. Therapy
4. Theory
5. Thanksgiving
6. Thick
7. Anything
8. Without
9. Mythological
10. Sympathy
11. Truthful
12. Forth
13. Oath
14. Both
15. mouth

Voiced /TH/ Words:

1. this
2. that
3. these
4. those
5. them
6. another
7. brother
8. father
9. gathering
10. bathing
11. soothe
12. bathe
13. smooth
14. clothe
15. loathe

Voiced TH

Did you know **that** if you read a dictionary for at least ten minutes a day you will increase your vocabulary by fifty percent in just one year? It doesn't matter **whether** you are naturally smart or not. It doesn't even matter if your **mother** and **father** provided a great education for you. Even **though** you may **loathe** studying and think **that** it's a **bother**, you can take just a few minutes to better yourself. **This** is my second month to try **this**, and I already know more words **than** my older **brother** who is studying at **the** University of **Southern** Arkansas.

Mixed TH's - **voiced** are bold-face, unvoiced are **bold-face** and underlined

On **Thursday** I traveled **with** my **brother** to visit my **father** and **mother** in **North** Carolina. We traveled **through** several small towns, and the **pathway** to **their** house was **brehtaking**. I also **thought the weather** was perfect. **There** were no **thunderstorms that** delayed our journey. Next time I will travel **with** my camera. **Although** it's a bit of a **bother**, I **think** I'd **rather** capture **these** moments forever.