

Accent Reading #5 Consonant Sound 'TH' #2

The /TH/ sound

The /th/ sound in English can be one of the most difficult and confusing sounds to make. In Part 2 we will focus on producing sentences and paragraphs that use the /th/ sound so you can become more proficient in using it on your own.

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

Listen to the recording and then repeat:

Initial Unvoiced TH's

1. What do you **think** about my new outfit?
2. That **thing** is so ugly!
3. She is the most **thoughtful** person I know.
4. I looked **throughout** my house for my lost keys.
5. Today is his **thirtieth** birthday.
6. Don't worry he is not a **threat**.
7. That car costs six **thousand** dollars.
8. Those **three** boys are triplets.
9. Quit **thrashing** and let me doctor your wound!
10. You need to eat more because you are too **thin**.

Initial Voiced TH's

1. **That** is my favorite sport.
2. **These** shoes hurt my feet!
3. **This** assignment is very difficult.
4. My brother is taller **than** me.
5. **The** storm barely missed our home.
6. **Their** motorcycle is very fast.
7. Please don't tell **them that** I broke **their** favorite vase.
8. I ate some more chocolate even **though** I was already full.
9. Will you please not wear **those** shoes inside?
10. He had to have **therapy** after his accident.

Medial Unvoiced TH's

1. I'm lost **without** you.
2. You can take **anything** you want.
3. Don't just sit there, do **something**!
4. If you can't say **anything** nice, don't say **anything** at all.
5. He is so relaxed; **nothing** bothers him.
6. Can you tell me where the **bathroom** is?
7. He is an incredible **athlete**.
8. **Matthew** is an incredible baseball player.
9. She had much **empathy** for her sick friend.
10. **Cathy** has already left for school.

Medial Voiced TH's

1. Don't **bother** coming to see me.
2. You can choose **either** one.
3. Can I have **another** cookie?
4. Your **father** is such a hard worker.
5. She made a get-well card for her sick **grandmother**.
6. Have you met my **mother** yet?
7. She **mouthed** for me to be quiet in the library.
8. **Neither** person knew how to fix the car.
9. You can tell he is a **northerner** by his funny accent.
10. I found a beautiful peacock **feather** at the zoo.

Final Unvoiced TH's

1. My favorite subject is **math**.
2. We set up a **booth** to advertise for our store.
3. **Ruth** is the kindest person I know.
4. You have such a big **mouth**!
5. I have **faith** that you will do well.
6. I only want chicken **broth** when I am feeling sick.
7. I found a huge **moth** on my favorite sweater.
8. **Both** of my brothers play sports.
9. You have **froth** on your lip from your Nescafe.
10. He bravely pulled his sword out of its **sheath**.

Final Voiced TH's

1. The baby's skin is so **smooth**.
2. Please don't **breathe** in those harmful fumes.
3. After you **bathe** you can go to bed.
4. She likes to **clothe** herself in fine silk.
5. He took medicine to **soothe** his stomach after eating three helpings of ice cream.
6. I **loathe** going to see the doctor.
7. Try to see if you can **soothe** the baby into going back to sleep.
8. If you don't **bathe** for three days you will really stink!
9. My little brother is learning to feed and **clothe** himself.
10. Please **smooth** out the bedcover.

Paragraphs

Directions: Listen to the recording and then practice reading each paragraph aloud at least five times each. **The voiced TH's are in bold-print** and the unvoiced TH's are underlined. Don't worry too much about voicing in your practice; just make sure you are making a TH and not a T sound.

Mixed TH's

Paragraph 1

I have **three** wonderful brothers named **Theo**, **Matthew**, and **Garth**. **Theo** is **thirteen**, **Matthew** is twenty-**three**, and **Garth** is **thirty** years old. Even **though** we are all in different phases of life, we enjoy doing all **the** same **things**. On **the** weekends we all like to get **together** and **throw the** football around or go see **the** newest movie at **the theatre**. It doesn't matter **whether** we are doing **something** fun or **nothing** at all, we have a great time **together!**

Paragraph 2

My husband is so **uncouth!** I can do **nothing** to improve him! Every time he finishes eating his **southern** fried chicken he lets a big burp out of his **mouth**. He says his **mother** always allowed it. He even likes to leave the **froth** on his lips from his Pepsi just to **bother** me. He often looks like a **sloth** when he walks out the door **with** his shirt un-tucked and his mismatched **leather** shoes on. I love him even **though** I'd rather not take him out in public! **Although** some ladies look for a **smooth** man, I would never choose **another**. **Sloth** or not I am **thankful** for the man I married.