

THE **th** SOUND CHALLENGE

The letters TH have two different sounds in English.

- /θ/: place the tip of your tongue between your teeth and blow air out. There is no vibration in your throat.

think, three, mouth



- /ð/: place the tip of your tongue between your teeth and blow air out using your voice. You can feel vibration in your throat.

the, mother, weather



1. Listen and pronounce the words and drag them to the correct column.

Thousand		Math	
Together		Healthy	
Feather		This	
Thursday		Brother	

/θ/ sound

/ð/ sound

2. Read the words in each group aloud and find the odd one out.

GROUP 1: Earth — Teeth — They — South

GROUP 2: Third — These — Bath — Through

GROUP 3: Birthday — That — Their — Those

GROUP 4: Nothing — Something — Other — Tenth

GROUP 5: Their — Therefore — Though — Thumb

3. Let's practise some tongue twisters. Record yourself saying these sentences. Click the microphone and speak clearly.

/θ/ tongue twister

Three thin thinkers thought thick thoughts.



/ð/ tongue twister

Those robbers that they caught were their brothers.



/θ/ and /ð/ tongue twister

They think that their mother is thirty-three, but they forgot that it's her birthday on Thursday

