

PRONUNCIATION

The: / ðə/ and /ði/

LEVEL: B1

- There are two ways to pronounce "the." One pronunciation sounds like /ðə/ and the other sounds like /ði/ or /ði:/. The pronunciation of the word "the" depends on the first sound of the word that comes after it.

The - / ðə /

- When the word after "the" begins with a consonant sound, we pronounce it /ðə/. **Listen and say these phrases.**

the book

the kids

The - / ði /

- When the word after "the" begins with a vowel sound, people usually use /ði/. We pronounce it /ði:/ when we are emphasizing it. **Listen and say these phrases.**

the end

the apple

- Drag the following phrases and drop them in the correct column.**

1. the afternoon	1.	/ðə/
2. the club	2.	
3. the day	3.	
4. the hour	4.	
5. the house	5.	
6. the ice-cream	6.	
7. the internet	7.	
8. the honest man	8.	
9. the orange	1.	/ði/ or /ði:/"
10. the other day	2.	
11. the party	3.	
12. the story	4.	
13. the theatre	5.	
14. the ugly sweater	6.	
15. the universe	7.	
16. the university	8.	

- Now check the exercise here. Words with /ðə/ and words with /ði/.**

Listen to the pronunciation of the phrases and repeat.