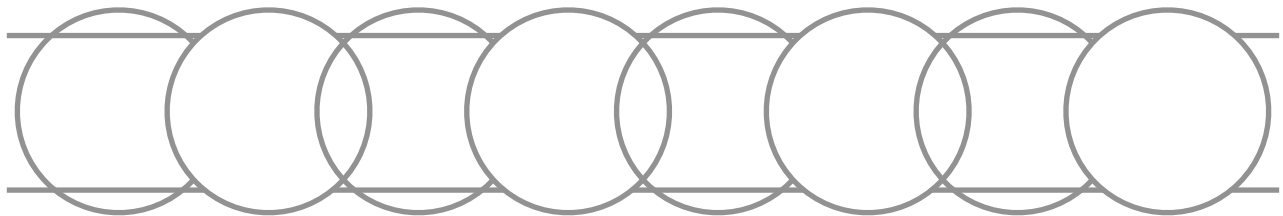


# Voiced & Unvoiced TH Sounds

In **voiced TH sounds**, little to no air comes out between the tongue and teeth.

| Beginning | Middle   | End     |
|-----------|----------|---------|
| that      | feather  | breathe |
| than      | weather  | bathe   |
| the       | mother   | teethe  |
| these     | father   | lathe   |
| those     | clothing | loathe  |



In **unvoiced TH sounds**, some air comes out between the tongue and teeth.

| Beginning | Middle     | End    |
|-----------|------------|--------|
| thin      | bathub     | cloth  |
| think     | toothpaste | tooth  |
| thunder   | python     | breath |
| thirsty   | marathon   | earth  |
| thunder   | birthday   | math   |

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## General Lesson Plan

### Topical Warmup Discussion

Offer a topic for students to discuss. As they talk, listen for Th/th sounds and make note. Offer other corrections, vocabulary, or guidance where necessary.

5 - 10 min

### Suggested topics

Thursdays, Thanksgiving, the weather, dentists, clothes, theater, youth (See a pattern emerging here? Have fun.)

### Listening

Have students say the words below (or use your own selection). Ask them if they notice any differences when they say or hear them.

5 - 10 min

this that the breathe bathe leather

theater thermos thaw breath bath birth

### Practice

Practice saying the voiced sounds on their own.  
Practice tying the unvoiced sounds on their own.  
Practice saying the voiced and unvoiced sounds in pairs.

5 - 10 min

### Discussion

Time to take a break with a bit of conversation. Choose one of the topics listed above and have students speak. Again offer advice or feedback where necessary but keep an eye out for th sounds in particular.

5 - 10 min

### Practice

Try one last practice before wrapping up to confirm everyone has it.

5 min

### Helpful hint:

Pronunciation lessons can be a lot of fun. Try to keep the pressure off. Some people will be able to reproduce the sounds right away and others may struggle. Stress that this is just practice, it's a chance to have fun. Remember that identifying the sounds when others say them is just as important as being able to say them yourself.