

Lesson 17: BREATHE BREATH The consonant sounds /θ/ and /ð/

A) The consonant sound /θ/

For this sound, the unvoiced -th, you need to put out your tongue, between the lips. There is no voice from the throat.

Examples: thinks, thanks, thirty, bath, earth

Those things on the desks are telephones.

B) The consonant sound /ð/

For this sound, the voiced -th, the tongue touches the upper teeth. There's voice from the throat.

Examples: these, that, there, mother, breathe

My brother and my father live together.

Exercise 1: Link all the words with the unvoiced -th sound

north	northern	either	weather	breathe	those
south	bath	bathe	thought	breath	youth
southern	third	their	through	though	thumb
Thailand	cloth	path	fifth	with	worth
month	clothes	these	brother	that	teeth
throw	thing	author	other	they	wealth

Exercise 2: Change the underlined word to get a new word with a -th sound

- 1) It's free o'clock.
- 2) The train went true the tunnel.
- 3) You need a sick coat in winter.
- 4) It's a matter of life and deaf.
- 5) I have never fought about this problem before.

Exercise 3: Which word do you hear?

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| a) dare | tear | there |
| b) dough | toe | though |
| c) din | tin | thin |
| d) den | ten | then |