

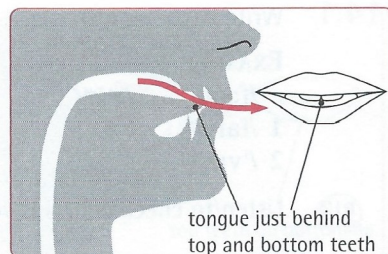
Both together /θ/ and /ð/

A

How to make the sound /θ/

B14a

- Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Make loose contact between the tongue and the back of the teeth and push the air through the gap. There is no voicing (vibration from the throat). Target sound: /θθθθθ/



B

Sound and spelling

B14b

- /θ/ is spelled **th**. Listen and say these words.

thin thanks thirty theatre thumb Thursday thirsty three
both month mouth north south
birthday

B14c

- Listen and say these sentences.

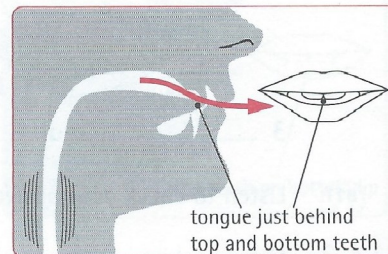
- I **th**ought April the twelfth was a Tuesday, but it's a **Th**ursday.
- A: I've got **th**ree birthdays this month.
B: **Th**ree birthdays? What do you mean?
A: My wife's, my son's and my daughter's!
- It's **th**irteen degrees in the north, and **th**irty in the south.
- A: One **th**ird is **th**irty-th**ree** per cent, isn't it?
B: **Th**irty-th**ree** and a **th**ird per cent, to be exact.

C

How to make the sound /ð/

B15a

- Look at the diagram. Listen and say the sound. Make loose contact between the tongue and the back of the teeth and push the air through the gap. /ð/ is different from /θ/ because there is voicing (vibration from the throat). Target sound: /ððððð/



B15b

- Listen and say the two sounds.

/θθθθθ/ /ððððð/

D

Sound and spelling

B15c

- /ð/ is spelled **th**. Listen and say these words.

this that these those then they father mother brother other together
weather without breathe with

B15d

- Listen and say these sentences.

- A: Can I have one of **th**ose, please?
B: **Th**ese?
A: No, **th**e **oth**ers, over **th**ere.
- A: Two coffees, please.
B: **W**ith milk?
A: One **w**ith, and one **w**ithout.



Note: **th** is usually pronounced /θ/ or /ð/, but sometimes /t/: Thailand Thames Thomas

Exercises

15.1 Write these words.

EXAMPLE

/ðæt/ that

1 /mʌnθ/

3 /θɪn/

5 /wɪð/

2 /ðen/

4 /ðeɪ/

6 /'bɜːθdeɪ/

Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

15.2 Listen. Which words have /θ/, and which words have /ð/?

1 What are you thinking about?

5 What are those things over there?

2 Can I have another?

6 Is the plural of 'tooth' 'teeth'?

3 Are you good at maths?

7 Is today the fourth or the fifth?

4 Where's the bathroom?

words with /θ/

words with /ð/

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Listen to check your answers. Check with the Key. Then listen and repeat.

15.3 Listen and complete the sentences.

1 The weather will be fine for next days. , on , 'll be some rain in the

The will be dry and sunny, but only about degrees.

2 A: I'm thinking of going to the tonight.

B: Me too! Let's go
..... !

3 A: Are you ?

B: No,

4 A: are my and
..... , about

years ago. And is my older

..... - he was about

..... years old,

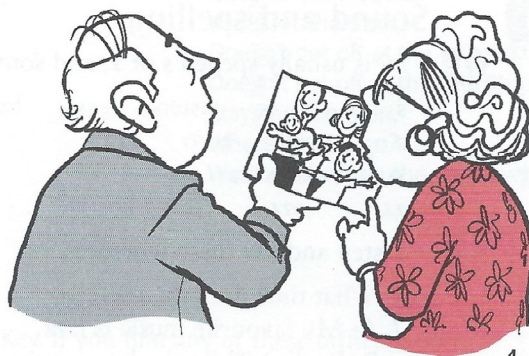
B: And baby - is

..... you?

A: Yes, 's me,

my in my !

Check with the Key. Then listen again and repeat.



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15.4 Listen and circle the word you hear. Check with the Key. If you find any of these difficult, go to Section E3 *Sound pairs* for further practice.

B19 1 *thing* / *sing* (⇒ sound pair 30)

2 *three* / *tree* (⇒ sound pair 27)