

# Brazilian Portuguese Speakers' Difficulties with American English Consonants

# [θ] and [ð]

[θ]	[s]
<b>Thank</b>	<b>Sank</b>
<b>Think</b>	<b>Sink</b>
<b>Thin</b>	<b>Sin</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Path</b>	<b>Pass</b>
<b>Mouth</b>	<b>Mouse</b>

# [θ] and [t]

[θ]	[t]
Three	Tree
Thick	Tick
Through	True
Tenth	Tent
Math	Matt
Booth	Boot

# [θ] and [f]

[θ]	[f]
Thought	Fought
Threat	Fret
Three	Free
Oath	Oaf
Death	Deaf
Myth	Miff

# [θ] and [ð]

[ð]	[d]
<b>They</b>	<b>Day</b>
<b>Though</b>	<b>Dough</b>
<b>Those</b>	<b>Doze</b>
<b>Then</b>	<b>Den</b>
<b>There</b>	<b>Dare</b>

# [θ] and [ð]

[θ]	[ð]
Teeth	To teethe
Mouth	To mouth
Thigh	Thy
Ether	Either
North	Northern



# [h] and /r/

[h]	/r/
Home	Rome
Hose	Rose
Hat	Rat
Hole	Role
Hate	Rate
Hear	Rear
Hair	Rare
Hide	Ride
Hope	Rope



# nasals

[m]	[n]
Cam	Can
Them	Then
Pam	Pan
Rum	Run
Seem	Scene
Rom	Ron

# [ŋ]

[n]	[ŋ]	[ŋk]
Son / Sun	Sung	Sunk
Ban	Bang	Bank
Ran	Rang	Rank
Thin	Thing	Think
Done	Dung	Dunk
Win	Wing	Wink

[ɹ]

[ow]	[owɹ]
Sow / Sew / So	Soul
Bow	Bowl
Go	Goal
Mow	Mole
Row	Role
Rode / Road	Rolled
Code	Cold
Coat	Colt

# Silent l

half calf talk chalk

would could should balm

palm calm salmon Lincoln

/t/

/t/	[tʃ]
Two	Chew
Tease	Cheese
Tip	Chip
Tin	Chin
Tear	Cheer
Art	Arch
Beat / Beet	Beach
Cat	Catch
Bent	Bench

# [ʃ] [tʃ]

[ʃ]	[tʃ]
Share	Chair
Shoe	Chew
Shore	Chore
Shin	Chin
Ship	Chip
Shop	Chop
Wash	Watch
Cash	Catch
Wish	Witch

[s] [z]

In English letter s between two vowels does not mean [z], as happens in Portuguese.

[s]
House, mouse, blouse
Base, case, basic
Basis, crisis, analysis
Useful
Fantasy
Famous, marvelous, various
Disorder, disappear, dishonest
Misuse, misinform, misinterpret

# [s] [z]

[z]
His, hers, theirs
Does, was, is
Resort, business, easy
Whose, praise, because
Dessert, scissors, possessive

[s] (noun / adjective)	[z] (verb)
Abuse	To abuse
Use	To use
Excuse	To excuse
House	To house
Close	To close



# [s] [z]

[s]	[z]
Ice	Eyes
Spice	Spies
Loss	Laws
Price	Prize
Face	Phase
Loose	Lose
Once	Ones
Race	Raise
Advice	Advise
Niece	Knees

# [s] [z]

Singular /sɪs/	Plural /siːz/
Crisis /kraɪsɪs/	Crises /kraɪsiːz/
Analysis /əˈnæləsɪs/	Analyses /əˈnæləsiːz/
Parenthesis /pəˈrenθəsɪs/	Parentheses /pəˈrenθəsiːz/
Basis /ˈbeɪsɪs/	Bases /ˈbeɪsiːz/

