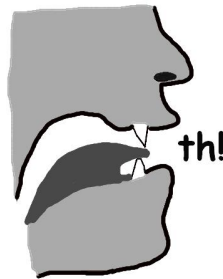


θ and ð (th) pronunciation

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i:	ɪ	ʊ	u:	ɪə	eɪ		
e	ə	ɜ:	ɔ:	ʊə	ɔɪ	əʊ	
æ	ʌ	a:	ɒ	eə	aɪ	aʊ	
p	b	t	d	tʃ	dʒ	k	g
f	v	θ	ð	s	z	ʃ	ʒ
m	n	ŋ	h	l	r	w	j

Hard /th/ words /ð/ (voiced)

- ⌚ the this those these them that then though
- ⌚ there/their/they're smooth further clothing
- ⌚ other mother father brother either neither
- ⌚ together feather weather heather rather
- ⌚ breathe breathing northern southern worthy
- ⌚ therefore mouths bother although

Soft /th/ words /θ/ (unvoiced)

- ⌚ thick think thought theatre thirsty thief theft Thursday thorn
- ⌚ health length month worth birth death breath breathless birthday
- ⌚ tooth booth truth teeth heath sheath
- ⌚ three thirteen thirty thousand
- ⌚ third fourth fifth sixth seventh eighth ninth
- ⌚ tenth eleventh twelfth thirteenth fourteenth fifteenth sixteenth seventeenth
- ⌚ thirtieth thirty third thirty fourth thirty fifth thirty sixth

/th/ Names

(note – only Heather has a hard /ð/ sound)

- ⌚ Beth Bethany Elizabeth Heather Anthea Dorothy Margaret Thatcher
- ⌚ Nathan Nathaniel Gareth Thornton Thorpe
- ⌚ Bartholemew Theo Theodore Heathcliff Timothy Ainsworth

(Remember that Thomas and Thames begins with a /t/, not a /th/ sound)

/th/ numbers

(this is good practice!)

- ⌚ 3 (three)
- ⌚ 33 (thirty three)
- ⌚ 333 (three hundred and thirty three)
- ⌚ 3,333 (three thousand three hundred and thirty three)
- ⌚ 33,333 (thirty three thousand three hundred and thirty three)
- ⌚ 333,333 (three hundred and thirty three thousand three hundred and thirty three!!!)

Mixed sentences with hard /ð/ and soft /θ/ sounds

- ⌚ the theatre
- ⌚ this Thursday
- ⌚ That thing over there
- ⌚ Their brother's birthday
- ⌚ Heather grows on the heath.
(Heather is also a girl's name)
- ⌚ The Firth of Forth (*this is in Scotland*)
- ⌚ Although Nathan was fit and healthy, he quickly got exhausted when swimming.
- ⌚ He was always breathless after each length of the pool.
- ⌚ He thought that perhaps his breathing was the problem.
- ⌚ How much is it worth?
- ⌚ It's worth thirty thousand pounds.
- ⌚ This Thursday I'm going to the theatre.
- ⌚ Elizabeth was having a bath when her brother Timothy telephoned.
- ⌚ Theo is short for Theodore and Bart is short for Bartholemew.
- ⌚ Liz (or Lizzy) is short for Elizabeth.
- ⌚ "Ahh! This is the life!" thought Gareth.
- ⌚ Thora Hurd hurt her thumb on a thistle.
- ⌚ That's the forth tooth he's lost this month!
- ⌚ The truth is that they have no proof, it's all just a theory.
- ⌚ Beth tried to throw the feather at her brother, but it just floated to the floor.
- ⌚ Some people say that Friday the thirteenth is an unlucky day.
- ⌚ After falling into a hawthorn bush Bartholemew found three thorns in his thigh and three in his thumb.
- ⌚ Then he thought perhaps his mother *was* right after all.
- ⌚ Theodore's brother is such a thespian. He loves the theatre.
- ⌚ Theodore himself is a theologian, and he loves theology.
- ⌚ His father Mr. Bosworth is a philanthropist.
- ⌚ Remember remember the fifth of November... Gunpowder treason and plot!

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