

# **/th/ pronunciation**

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Repeat the words or sentences out loud during each pause.

## **Hard /th/ words /ð/**

- the this that then them though
- other mother father brother
- together feather heather tether
- breathe breathing

## **Soft /th/ words /θ/**

**(there are many more of these!)**

- 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 doesn't have a /th/ sound even though it is spelt with a TH.)*

## **/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!

