

English Pronunciation – 'th'

In English, the consonant combination 'th' is very common and has two sounds – voiced and unvoiced.

1) Voiced

The sound of 'th' with voice sounds like the 'v' sound. Say a long 'v' sound, and while doing this, put your tongue between your teeth.

Examples: the, this, that, though, with, without, bathe, weather, feather

2) Unvoiced

The sound of 'th' without voice sounds like the 'f' sound. Put your tongue between your teeth and try to say 'sssss' while not producing sound in your throat.

Examples: thin, thick, through, Theodore, Thursday, month, thoroughly, thought, thaw, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, thirteenth

Exercise. Say the following sentence.

Through thick and thin, on Thursday the thirteenth of the month, Theodore thought that the snow would thoroughly thaw throughout the following months.

Suggested video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCkONOV2JJM> (10 minutes)

