

**AMERICAN  
ACCENT  
COACHING**

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# THE "TH"



**SECTION 2 CLASS 6**

**PRACTICE THE PLACEMENT OF THIS UNIQUELY  
ENGLISH SOUND AND TRY DIFFICULT SENTENCES**

## **ð = voiced TH**

the, this, then, these, rather, other, mother, weather, smooth, breathe

Sentences:

The rhythm of the music keeps them together.

We bathed the teething baby over there.

My mother would rather buy clothing than anything else.

## **θ = unvoiced TH (whispered)**

think, thank, thorn, birthday, author, enthusiasm, teeth, south, fifth, myth

Sentences:

Ethan's birthday is on the fourth of the month.

The athlete's thigh hurt from the marathon.

Nathan thanked me three times for the theatre tickets.

## **Comparing θ--unvoiced TH--and ð--voiced TH**

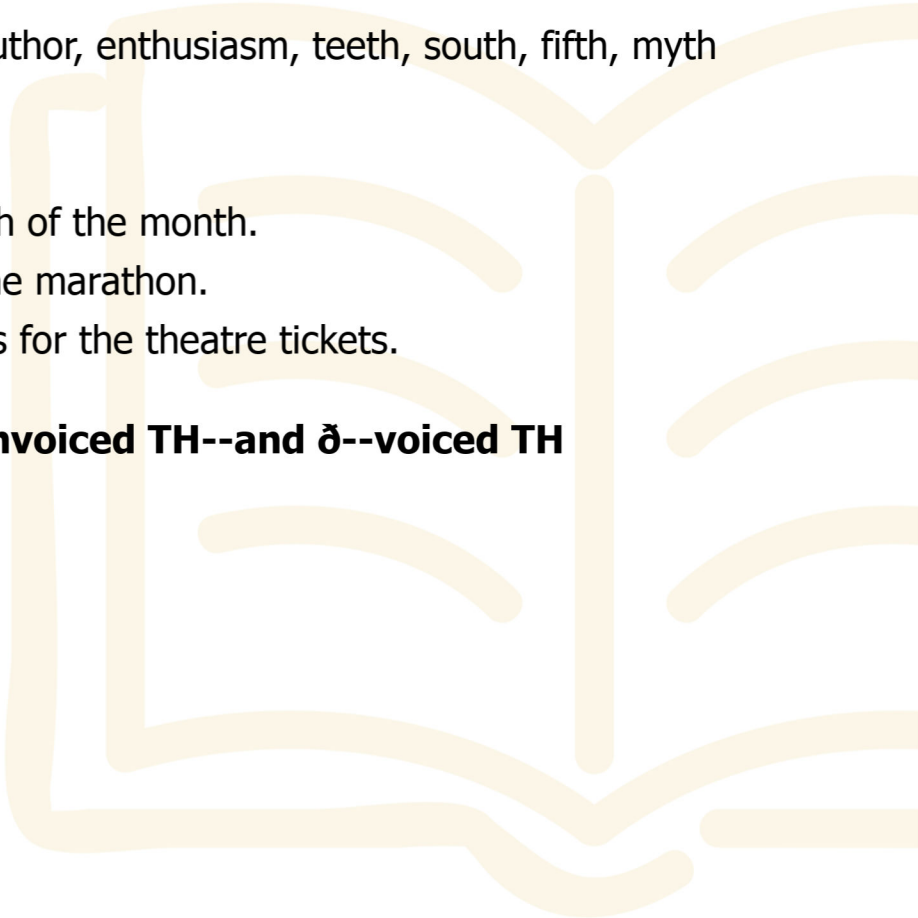
Thin // then

therapy // there

gothic // gather

broth // brother

bath // bathe



## **Practice Tips**

- 1** Watch the placement in a mirror.
- 2** Make sure the sound is long like an SSS would be, not short and plosive like a T or D would be. This is why it is classified as a "fricative" consonant.



## Compare TH's to T's and D's

Get your tongue used to these movements.

θ, D, θ, D

Happy birth-day

My teeth-didn't have any cavities.

ð, D, ð, D

That's my dad-there.

The baby was soothed by the pacifier.

θ, T, θ, T

I took a bath-today.

Drive south-ten miles to get-there.

ð, T, ð, T

Put-that over there.

He made a smooth-transition.

## Compare TH's to S's and Z's

Get your tongue used to these movements.

θ, Z, θ, Z

He's-thinking about it.

This is the fourth-zoo we've been to.

ð, Z, ð, Z

Is-this the correct way?

Was-that your brother?



θ, S, θ, S

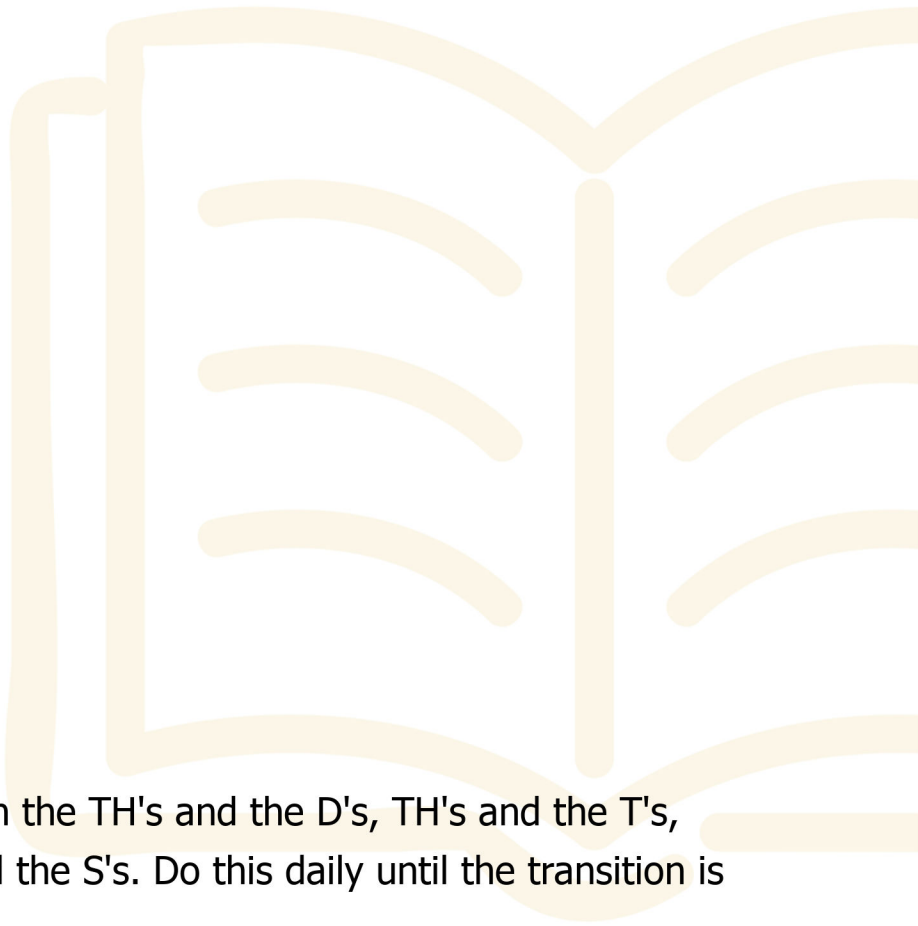
I live on Fifth-Street.

You cooked this broth-so perfectly.

ð, S, ð, S

I miss-those days.

Breathe-softly around the sleeping cat.



## HOMEWORK

- 1** Master the movement between the TH's and the D's, TH's and the T's, TH's and the Z's, and TH's and the S's. Do this daily until the transition is smooth and natural-feeling.
- 2** Practice all sentences aloud daily. Then add words you often use to the lists and make up your own sentences, writing them down and practicing them regularly.