

Answers for /θ/ and /ð/ Exercises

1. Moving up, down, left or right, follow the words with the /θ/ sounds. Then listen to the MP3 (21a) and practice saying the words.

start → think	thanks	they	there	another	smooth	neither	this	month	→ finish
though	three	mother	them	leather	their	sunbathe	clothing	thirsty	
brother	throw	author	nothing	north	the	these	breathing	Thursday	
clothes	feather	those	weather	south	thin	healthy	maths	birthday	
that	father	either	other	together	rather	they're	heather	then	

2. Write the correct number above the words in blue. Does the word contain the sound 1 /θ/ or 2 /ð/? Listen to the MP3 (21b) and write which sound you hear. Underline the part of the word with this sound.

a) ¹ ¹ ² Three things that I hate are studying maths, buying clothes and thinking too hard!

b) ¹ Samantha, are you coming to my son's fifth birthday party on Thursday?

c) ² There's a beautiful thin feather.

d) I'm so thirsty that my mouth is dry. Thanks for this drink!

e) A famous author named Ruth Smith is coming to our school next month. She's written over thirty books.



3. Listen to the MP3 (21c) and circle which sound you hear in these words. Then practise saying the words.

a) youth /θ/ sound /ð/ sound

b) thumb /θ/ sound /ð/ sound

c) northern /θ/ sound /ð/ sound

d) tenth /θ/ sound /ð/ sound

e) mythical /θ/ sound /ð/ sound

4. Record yourself saying the words in sections 1 and 3, and the sentences in section 2. Listen to your recording again in a few days. Can you clearly hear the two target sounds you studied?

