

# <th> Sound Comparison

-Listen carefully as your teacher reads to you the two <th> sounds.

1. θ

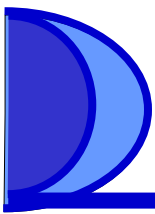
2. ð

-What differences are there between the two sounds?

## Exercise 1

Listen as your teacher reads the words in the box below and write them into the correct column in the chart according to the pronunciation of <th>. Then, read all the words in every column to your teacher.

South	Southern	both	thought	this	the
thank	those	bathe	bath	baths	fifths
rather	mouth	mouths	months	soothe	author
θ			ð		



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## Exercise 2

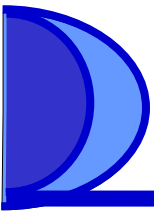
In the notes, write an example for each rule from the table above:

RULES	EXAMPLES
• Most content words are pronounced with /θ/	_____
• All <b>function words</b> are pronounced with /ð/	_____
• Verbs ending < <b>th</b> > are pronounced with /ð/	_____
• Plural words ending < <b>vowel + ths</b> > are pronounced /ð/	_____
• Plural words ending < <b>consonant + ths</b> > are pronounced /θ	_____
• Words containing < <b>ther</b> > are pronounced /ð/	_____
<b>EXCEPTIONS</b>	
• <b>Plurals pronounced /θ/:</b> deaths, moths, cloths.	
• <b>Content words pronounced /ð/:</b> smooth, rhythm.	
• <b>'with'</b> and its derivatives (withdraw, within, etc.) can be pronounced /θ/ or /ð/	

## Exercise 3

Circle the odd word out in each line:

- month      mouth      mouths      moth      mathematics
- father      brother      author      heather      further
- thought      healthy      atheist      those      throw
- clothes      births      months      sevenths      widths
- this      that      the      thin      them



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## Exercise 4

Go from start to finish **only** on voiced /ð/ squares. You can only move vertically and horizontally, **NOT** diagonally.

**START**

theory	bother	author	cloth	faith	birth
North	breathe	these	leather	athlete	both
South	thing	earth	father	breath	seventh
bath	thought	ninth	Southern	nothing	thousand
teeth	together	those	other	catholic	maths
feather	rhythm	theatre	death	threat	path
although	eighth	tooth	myth	anthology	ninth

**FINISH**