

Voiced TH Sound /ð/

*Whether the weather be mild or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold or whether the weather be hot,
We'll weather the weather whatever the weather,
Whether we like it or not.*

To make this sound: Place the tip of your tongue between your top and bottom teeth, turn on your voice, and blow lightly.

Practice Words

Initial

1. this
2. that
3. the
4. them
5. then
6. there/their
7. these
8. those
9. thus
10. therefore
11. they
12. though

Medial

1. weather/whether
2. bother
3. mother
4. father
5. rather
6. southern
7. northern
8. either
9. other
10. gather
11. rhythm
12. another
13. neither
14. although
15. smother
16. together

Final

1. breathe
2. smooth
3. soothe
4. bathe
5. loathe
6. lathe

Practice Sentences (initial position)

1. Do you like **this** shirt better, or **that** one?
2. The dog belongs to **them**.
3. What did you do **then**?
4. **Their** car is parked over **there**.
5. I want some of **these** oranges.

6. **Those** children are being very loud.
7. **The** book has been boring to read **thus** far.
8. He got stage fright, and **therefore** did not get a part in the play.
9. What do you think **they** are doing?
10. He ate a piece of cake, even **though** he was on a diet.

Practice Sentences (medial position)

1. We'll have the picnic **whether** the **weather** is nice or not.
2. Don't **bother** your **mother** and **father** while they are sleeping.
3. **Although** I had on a warm coat, those **northern** winds were still cold.
4. That **Southern** accent is very hard to understand.
5. You need to choose **either** the red one or the blue one.
6. We will **gather** all the other children **together**.
7. The jazz band played another **rhythm**.
8. She will **smother** him with all that **mothering**.

Practice Sentences (final position)

1. Finally, she can **breathe** without coughing.
2. That was a very **smooth** performance.
3. She can **soothe** the crying baby.
4. He needs to **bathe** after working on that **lathe**.
5. It is not healthy to **loathe** anyone.

Special note for the word THE

You will hear the word the pronounced as both *thee* and *thuh*. How do you know which pronunciation to use? Use *thee* before a vowel, as in "thee apple," and use *thuh* before a consonant, as in "thuh table."