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## Consonant Sound Pair (th)

Voiceless: /θ/ e.g. thirty

Voiced: /ð/ e.g. that

Beginning of words

### **Voiceless: /θ/**

Nouns, adjectives and verbs

e.g. theatre, thread, Thursday, third, thirty, thousand, thick, think and thanks.

### **Voiced: /ð/**

Pronouns, articles and prepositions (function words)

e.g. the, this, that these, they and them.

End of words

### **Voiceless: /θ/**

Nouns or adjectives

e.g. bath, breath, cloth, teeth

Ordinal numbers: fourth -> ninth

### **Voiced: /ð/**

Verbs ending in th+e

e.g. to bathe, to breathe, to clothe and to teethe.

Exception: Smooth

Pronouncing The

/ðə/ + consonant sound

e.g. The table

/ði/+/j/ vowel sound

e.g. The apple

*Please note that this sheet has been typed in IPA and in older computers, some characters may not appear correctly. Also /j/ phoneme sounds like a 'y'.*