

Th is a Letter Team

The letter team **th** has two sounds. The voiced sound as in the words **this** and **that** has a buzzing wasp sound. The tip of your tongue is in the same place for both of these sounds. Place the tip of your tongue between the top and bottom teeth and push the air out from the sides of your tongue. No lips. For the voiced sound, you should feel a vibration in your throat. This consonant sound is at the beginning of many of the pointing words.



Examples of the voiced words of **th**.

The this that there then they them those
these than their thus thee thou theirs thy

The voiced **th** can be at the beginning or end of words, or in the middle.

gather farther either together other otherwise

For the unvoiced **th** Place the tip of the tongue between the top and bottom teeth and push out air from the sides, releasing gradually. This is the sound at the beginning of **thumb**. **Touch your throat. No vibrations.**

Examples: thing tooth thank path
north bath math theft thin think
sloth cloth thank you thunder
thunderstorm



worth with thirst thimble three thumb thorn
month thatch mouth thumbnail thud thump

There are unvoiced **thr** blends.

Examples: three throw thresh throes threw
throb thrift thread threat threaten thrill
thrust throne thrive throbbed thrash thriller
throttle threshold throat

Happy Children

This is a story about thirty happy children in first grade. They do their math and reading with Miss Beth. Then after math class they move over there for their art class. Those are the art supplies they use to paint with. They enjoy doing that together and looking at each other's paintings. Then they gather the art supplies, clean up their space, and either go out to play or have free time for puzzles and games. Then the teacher will pin their paintings up for others to see. They thank their teacher.

After lunch the children take a hike in the park. They love the path with a lot of plants and trees. They hope to see butterflies and birds, and see the birds take a bath and quench their thirst in the puddles. This is more fun than math. Three of the children throw rocks in the pond to scare the frogs.

Clouds in the north begin to gather and get dark and rumble. They threaten to rain and thunder, so the kids think it is time to go home, now.