

Unit One: /θ/

think bathroom teeth /θɪŋk/ /bæθrum/ /tiθ/

How to Make the Sound

Place the tip of your tongue between your upper and lower teeth. Don't put it between your lips. Make the sound by forcing air through the opening between your teeth and tongue. Don't vibrate your vocal cords.

Exercise One: Word Repetition

Listen to the following words and repeat.

Thursday	without	teeth
think	bathroom	path
third	nothing	method
throw	breathless	booth
Thelma	mythology	wrath

Exercise Two: Minimal Pairs

Listen to the following word pairs. Repeat them, being careful to make the distinction between the two sounds.

three	free	thin	sin
Thor	soar	pass	path
both	boat	fought	thought
tore	Thor	moth	moss
frilled	thrilled	three	free

Exercise Three: Phrases with /θ/

You will hear phrases of words that either contain the sound /θ/ or do not. As you listen to each, phrase circle yes if you hear /θ/, and circle no if you do not.

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| 1. yes | no | 4. yes | no | 7. yes | no |
| 2. yes | no | 5. yes | no | 8. yes | no |
| 3. yes | no | 6. yes | no | 9. yes | no |

Exercise Four: Minimal Pair Distinction

Part One

You will hear the sentences below, but only one of the *italicized* words will be spoken. Circle the one word which you hear.

1. Geoffrey saw the *pass/path* and took it.
2. Thora and Thelma read all about the *trees/threes*.
3. After the rain, his *booths/boots* were covered with mud.
4. All the students saw the *free/three* men and applauded.
5. The new manager really liked his new *theme/team*.

Part Two

Listen for the missing words and write them on the lines below.

6. That man was _____ when I saw him.
7. Paula and John were _____ by the Halloween costumes.
8. The little girl had a big _____.
9. My _____ are no good.
10. The baseball player had a hot _____.

Exercise Five: Dictation

Listen to the sentences and write them.

1. _____ thumb. _____
2. _____ thirsty _____
3. _____ healthy. _____
4. _____ fine. _____
5. _____ moths _____

Exercise Six: Questions for Answers Given

In this section, you will hear 5 answers. You will not hear the questions. Listen carefully to the answer, and then record the question in the space provided on your tape by using your drill/record button.

Example: _____? I'm fine, thanks.
(you record "How are you?" onto your tape BEFORE the answer.)

1. Do you think...
2. Have...
3. Was...
4. Did...
5. Was...