

## Unit 2: /ð/

those      mother      soothe      /ðoʷz/    /mʌðər/    /suʷð/

### 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 your tongue. Vibrate your vocal cords to make /ð/. The difference between /ð/ and /θ/ is that the first is voiced and second, voiceless.

### Exercise One: Word Repetition

Listen to the following words and repeat.

than	although	sheathe
those	mother	loathe
there	father	teethe
them	northern	soothe
thy	whether	seethe

### Exercise Two: Minimal Pairs

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

than	Dan	breathing	breeding
father	fodder	dare	there
either	ether	clothing	closing
teething	teasing	thy	thigh
those	doze	thy	die

### Exercise Three: Phrases with /ð/

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

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. They were *breathing/breeding* like rabbits.
2. I don't enjoy getting *ether/either* at all.
3. When exactly will *they/day* come?
4. My neighbours *soothe/sued* me often.
5. I don't think that essay is *worthy/wordy*.

### Part Two

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

6. He can spell \_\_\_\_\_ very well.
7. All my children like her \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. His writing became \_\_\_\_\_ after each paragraph.
9. The little girls are \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The snake is beginning to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Exercise Five: Dictation

Listen to the sentences and write them on the lines below.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ bathing \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ soothing \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ bother \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ northerner \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ soothes \_\_\_\_\_

### **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. Did...

2. Has your...

3. Is your...

4. Have you been ...

5. Is your...

### **Unit TWO: Tongue Twisters**

Say the following sentences aloud, paying attention to the sound.