

CLEAR SPEECH MOVEMENT

**SPEAK CLEARLY.
SOUND GLOBAL.**

Lesson 1: The Missing ‘TH’ Sound

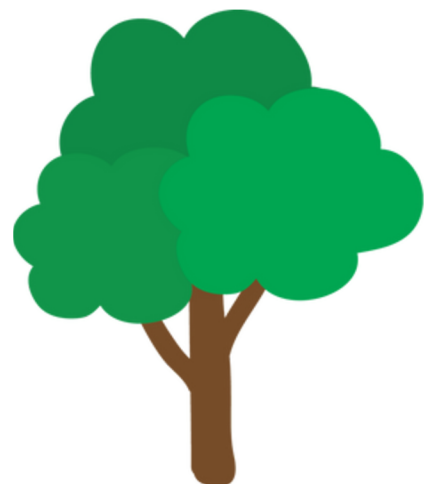
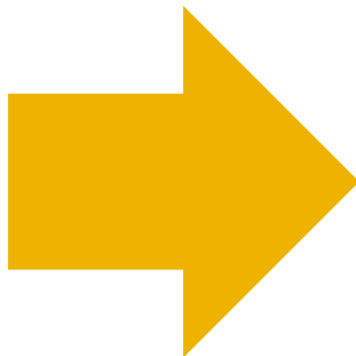
Learn how to pronounce English
TH sounds the right way — the
most common pronunciation gap in
Singaporean speech.

Lesson 1: The Missing 'TH' Sound

Many Singaporeans replace the TH sound with T, F, or S.

'Math' becomes 'Mats', 'Health' becomes 'Helf' and '3' becomes 'Tree'

This makes speech sound unclear even when your grammar and vocabulary are perfect.



The TH sound is
one of the smallest
but most powerful
changes you can
make to instantly
sound more fluent
and globally
understood.

The goal of this lesson is to learn how to produce the 'TH' sounds (voiceless /θ/ and voiced /ð/) sounds correctly.

Your English becomes clear, confident, and easy for international listeners to understand.

There are two kinds
of TH sounds in
English:

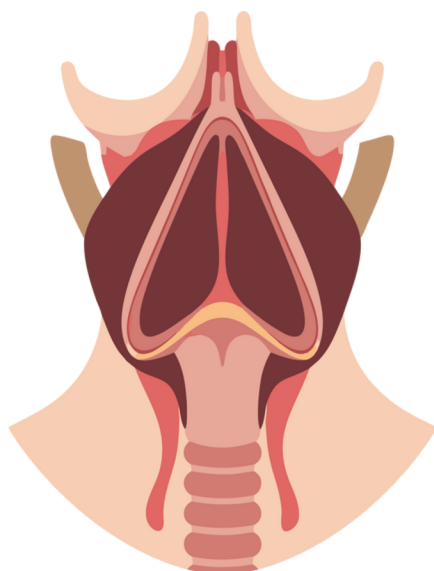
Voiceless /θ/ – as in
think, both, path.

Air flows through the
teeth without
vibration.

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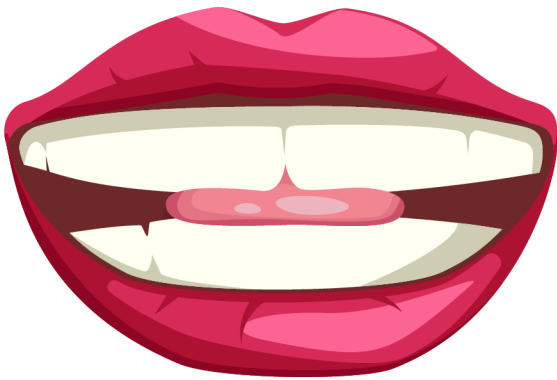
Voiced /ð/ – as in
this, mother, breathe.

Your vocal cords
vibrate as you say it.



What makes the 'TH'
sound?:

**Place your tongue gently
between your upper and lower
front teeth.**



**Pull your tongue back while
making the 'TH' sound**

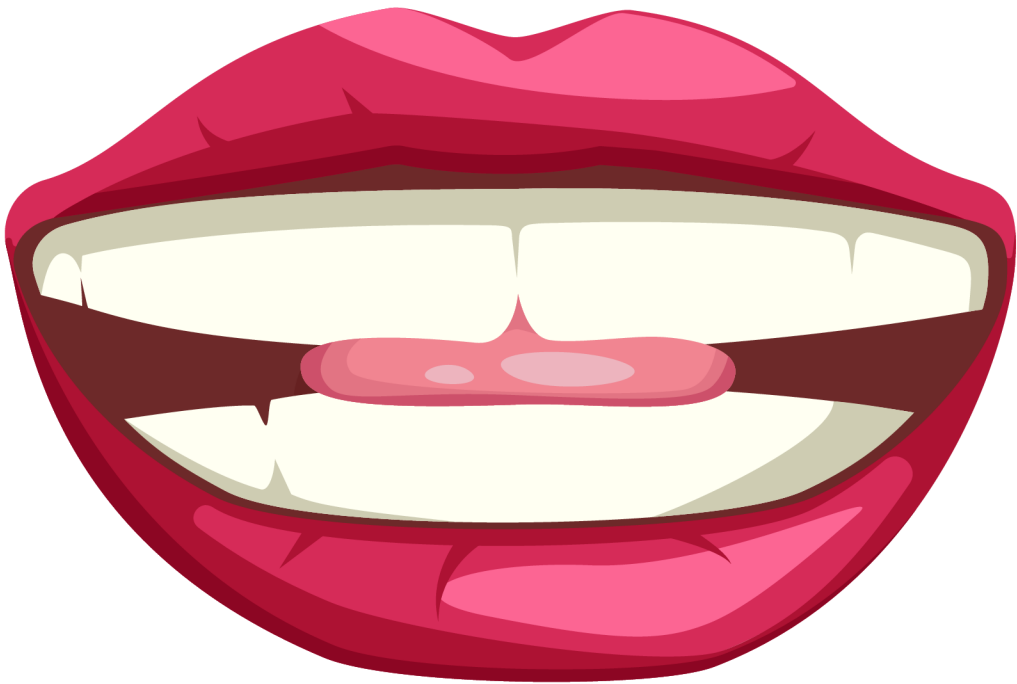
For Voiceless 'TH' →
Blow air out softly
with tongue between
teeth.

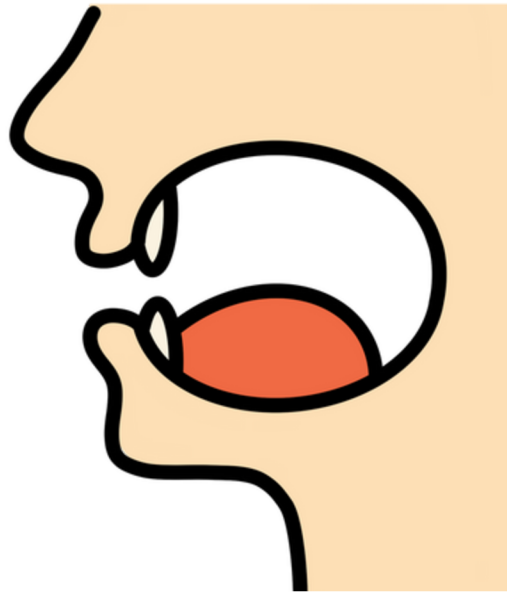
For Voiced 'TH' →
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Important:

Remember!

Tongue between Teeth





**Incorrect – Tongue behind teeth
(no air flow).**



**Correct – Tongue tip slightly
between teeth, air flowing out,
small puff visible.**

Practice Words

Voiceless /θ/

think thank

thick path

breath three

both fifth

method

mathematics

Practice Words

Voiced /ð/

this that

these those

father together

mother brother

breathe smooth

Tip: Say them slowly first, then try linking the words in short phrases.

Practice

Sentences

1. **Think** about **this** carefully.
2. **That** was both **thoughtful** and **thorough**.
3. My **brother** and **mother** are in **the other** room.
4. **These things** take time.

Practice aloud in
front of a mirror —
focus on tongue
placement and
airflow.



This is just one of 10+
modules that help you
develop global clarity
in English:

Next Steps in the Clear Speech Movement Program

Modules

- TH Sounds (Voiced & Voiceless)
- Final Consonants
- Other Consonants
- Voicing & Vowels
- Long vs Short Vowels
- Stretching Diphthongs
- Word Stress
- Smooth Syllable Flow
- Linking
- The Schwa Sound

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