Initial Voiced /TH/ - (IPA: /ð/)  

Mouth Position:  
1. Gently bite the tip of your tongue.  
2. You must be able to see your tongue when looking in a mirror.  
3. Release a stream of air while your tongue is in this position.  

Air Flow: Continuous  
Voice: On  

Common Errors: /d, z, v/  

Listening Quiz:  
1. This - dis  
2. that - dat  
3. the - duh  
4. them - zem  
5. they - day  
6. there - zair  
7. these - zeez  
8. then - den  
9. their - dare  
10. thy - zigh  

Word Practice:  
1. This  
2. That  
3. The  
4. Them  
5. Then  
6. Those  
7. These  
8. They  
9. Thee  
10. Thy  

More: their, though, therefore, there, themselves
Practice Sentences:

1. This car belongs to them.
2. The girls spend all of their time playing.
3. Wait for them over there.
4. Then why don’t they come?
5. These hamburgers are the best!
6. “Thee” and “thy” are used in Old English.
7. I will ride this bike down that road.
8. They will help themselves to the salad bar.
9. These are the flowers that they ordered.
10. She will help these kids find their dog.

Practice Paragraph:

I often tell my clients to repeat the words “this,” “that,” and “these” in order to practice this sound. If they practice these three words over and over again, they will learn to say them correctly. If they forget to practice these words, then I can’t promise them success in their English pronunciation. Those who follow the directions on their homework will find out for themselves how quickly they can change their speech habits.

pronunciation: /pruh-nun-see-A-shun/

* The initial voiced /TH/ sound is the most commonly used consonant in the English language.
Medial Voiced /TH/ - (IPA: /ð/)

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Air Flow: Continuous

Voice: On

Common Errors: /d, z, v/

Listening Quiz:
1. mother - moder
2. father - fader
3. another - anozer
4. together - togezer
5. breathing - breaving
6. other - udder
7. weather - wetter
8. either - eater
9. brother - brozer
10. breathing - breazing

Practice Words
1. mother
2. father
3. brother
4. another
5. either
6. rather
7. together
8. weather
9. bother
10. breathing

More Words: clothing, gathering, other, rather, worthy, brotherly, feather, rhythm, teething, whether, stepmother, sunbathing, altogether, withering

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Practice Sentences:

1. My mother and father are still together.
2. I don’t know whether I’d rather be thin and bald or fat and beautiful.
3. It will bother me if you talk during the movie.
4. The other night I heard the rhythm of the new band down the street.
5. His brother was gathering a crowd to listen to another song.
6. I’d rather see another doctor.
7. While I was sunbathing I felt a feather land on my leg.
8. He needs to either tell his father or stepmother the truth.
9. Let’s sing the harmony of this song all together.
10. Let’s go to the other clothing store.

Practice Paragraph:

My mother gets very sad in the winter when the weather is rainy. It bothers her that the sun doesn’t shine very often. She would rather be sunbathing on the beach with clear weather. My brother said we should take a trip together to help my mother feel better. My father agreed and said he would rather be sunbathing in Mexico than withering away in the cold weather.
Final Voiced /TH/ - (IPA: /ð/) 

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3. Release a stream of air while your tongue is in this position.

Air Flow: Continuous
Voice: On

Common Errors: /d, z, v/

Listening Quiz:
1. soothe - soove
2. breathe - breed
3. bathe - bade
4. clothe - close
5. wreathe - reed
6. teethe - teeve
7. sheathe - she’s
8. loathe - load
9. smooth - smoov
10. lathe - laid

Practice Words:
1. wreathe
2. soothe
3. teethe
4. sheathe
5. breathe
6. loathe
7. clothe
8. bathe
9. smooth
10. lathe
Practice Sentences:
1. This tea helps to soothe my nerves.
2. I loathe the way my hair looks.
3. I will breathe a sigh of relief when I pass the test.
4. Who will bathe the children?
5. The sound of the music is smooth and relaxing.
6. I don’t know how to operate this lathe.
7. He will clothe himself in the traditional dress.
8. A baby will teethe during his first year.
9. I saw the old man wheeze in pain.
10. The dress was made of smooth silk.

Practice Paragraph:
I like to drink tea to soothe my nerves. The feeling in my throat is smooth and allows me to relax and breathe. After I drink my tea I am ready to bathe and clothe myself to get ready for the day.

*The final voiced /TH/ sound is not very common in the English language.*