Initial Voiceless /th/ - (IPA: /θ/)

**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:** Off

**Common Errors:** /t, s, f/

**Listening Quiz:**
1. Thank - tank
2. three - tree
3. third - sird*
4. thin - fin
5. thunder - funder*
6. thaw - saw
7. thick - tick
8. thigh - sigh
9. think - sink
10. thousand - fousand*

*nonsense words

**Practice Words:**
1. thank
2. thaw
3. thick
4. thief
5. thigh
6. thin
7. thing
8. think
9. third
10. three

**More Words:** thirty, thousand, thunder, Thursday, theater, therapy, Thanksgiving
Practice Sentences:
1. Thank you for the thermos!
2. The thunder scared away the thief.
3. Three friends and I attended the theater.
4. At thirty, I want to be thin and wealthy.
5. The thief thinks he’ll get away with this!
6. The 3 year old was thirsty.
7. Thin sliced turkey on Thanksgiving tastes delicious.
8. I will meet you on Thursday at 5:30.
9. I found 3 thimbles behind my grandma’s sofa.
10. There will be thunderstorms throughout the valley.

Practice Paragraph:
The thunderstorms on Thursday scared my cat Theodore. Though my cat is 3 years old he still gets scared of the loud thunder. Other things also scare him very much. For example, the thin needle and shiny thimble my mother uses to sew with makes him run away and hide behind the furniture. Our 3 year old also sends him running for cover but that is understandable: 3 year olds are a cat’s worst nightmare!
Medial Voiceless /th/ - (IPA: /θ/)

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**Voice:** Off

**Common Errors:** /t, s, f/

**Listening Quiz:**
1. author - autor*
2. toothache - toosache*
3. anything - anyfing*
4. marathon - marafon*
5. without - wisout*
6. within - witin*
7. method - metod*
8. nothing - nofing*
9. something - somesing*
10. everything - everyting*
*nonsense words

**Practice Words:**
1. athlete
2. author
3. without
4. bathtub
5. marathon
6. everything
7. wealthy
8. method
9. nothing
10. something
Practice Sentences:
1. The author will sign autographs.
2. He will be starting the marathon within an hour.
3. Everything happens for a reason.
4. The wealthy will find it worthwhile to go to the event.
5. The toothpick made my toothache.
6. Ms. Smith showed me a good method to learn arithmetic.
7. Worthwhile activities help us feel wealthy.
8. Matthew felt youthful after running the marathon.
9. We sympathize with Kathy’s loss.
10. I am nothing without my health.

Practice Paragraph:
Martha likes to run marathons. She is an athlete and an author. Her books are written about anything having to do with athletic achievement and marathons. For example, she wrote a book about how to stay healthy and fit while living a busy modern life. She is quoted to have said, “my health is everything to me. Without it, nothing else matters.”

marathons: /mA-ru-thonz/
athlete: /a-athleet/
author: /o-ther/
Final Voiceless /θ/ - (IPA: /θ/)

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Voice: Off

Common Errors: /t, s, f/

Listening Quiz:
1. bath - bat
2. cloth - clot
3. faith - face
4. math - mass
5. mouth - mouse
6. north - nort*
7. myth - miff*
8. teeth - teef*
9. booth - boof*
10. earth - earf*
* nonsense words

Practice Words:
1. bath
2. booth
3. cloth
4. earth
5. faith
6. math
7. mouth
8. myth
9. north
10. teeth
More Words: youth, phone booth, underneath, Beth, cottonmouth, bubble bath, birth
Practice Sentences:

1. Taking a bath is relaxing.
2. Our faith can help us overcome challenges.
3. For healthy teeth, you must brush and floss daily.
4. She sat in the eighth row of the theater.
5. We will both need to go South down this street.
6. Beth found a phone booth near Olive and Peach Street.
7. The cloth underneath my bed is red.
8. Personal growth develops with each new challenge.
9. My favorite subject in 5th grade was math.
10. Adults have 32 teeth in their mouth.

Practice Paragraph:

Mrs. Ruth Anne Smith had always wanted children. When she realized she was pregnant with twins she was filled with mirth! With both embryos’ growth, she saw the girth of her abdomen expand. Then in the 9th month of her pregnancy, it was time to give birth. On May 10th, 1967, Mrs. Ruth Smith gave birth to a girl and a boy, whom she named Beth and Seth Smith.