



th



quiet

as in thumb



buzz

as in feather

Tongue peeks out for both. Hand on your throat: a buzz means voiced. **Row 1: read it now (lessons 46-47).** Rows 2-4 are picture words: hear the th now, read them later. Cut along the dashed lines for flash cards.

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| <div>quiet</div> <div>read it now</div> <div>  </div> <div>moth</div>                | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>bath</div>    | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>math</div>                     | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>path</div>     | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>cloth</div>      |
| <div>quiet</div> <div>th at the start</div> <div>  </div> <div>thumb</div>           | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>thorn</div>   | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>thread</div> <div>th + r</div> | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>thimble</div>  | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>thunder</div>    |
| <div>buzz</div> <div>voiced th</div> <div>  </div> <div>feather</div>              | <div>buzz</div> <div>  </div> <div>mother</div> | <div>buzz</div> <div>  </div> <div>father</div>                  | <div>buzz</div> <div>  </div> <div>weather</div> | <div>buzz</div> <div>  </div> <div>smoothie</div>  |
| <div>quiet</div> <div>at the end, longer</div> <div>  </div> <div>toothbrush</div> | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>teeth</div> | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>earth</div>                  | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>sloth</div>  | <div>quiet</div> <div>  </div> <div>birthday</div> |



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th is two letters that make one sound. The tongue peeks out for both th sounds. Hand on your throat: a **buzz** means voiced, nothing means **quiet** (voiceless).

## Voiced th words buzz: your throat hums (this, mother)

|             |                |                 |                  |                 |                  |                |                  |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| start       | this           | that            | then             | them            | than             |                |                  |
| magic e     | those          | these           |                  |                 |                  |                |                  |
| heart words | the            | they            | there            |                 |                  |                |                  |
| middle      | moth <u>er</u> | fat <u>h</u> er | broth <u>er</u>  | feath <u>er</u> | weath <u>er</u>  | oth <u>er</u>  | togeth <u>er</u> |
| end         | with*          | bat <u>h</u> e  | breat <u>h</u> e | smooth <u>u</u> | sooth <u>u</u> e | teeth <u>e</u> |                  |

## Voiceless th words quiet: no hum (thumb, bath)

|                |        |            |          |         |        |       |       |
|----------------|--------|------------|----------|---------|--------|-------|-------|
| start          | thin   | thick      | thud     |         |        |       |       |
| a step harder  | thump  | thank      | think    | thumb   | thorn  |       |       |
| th + r (blend) | three  | thread     | throw    |         |        |       |       |
| middle         | bathub | toothbrush | birthday | nothing | author |       |       |
| end            | bath   | math       | path     | moth    | Beth   | cloth | broth |
| end, more      | teeth  | tooth      | mouth    | north   | south  | fifth | sixth |

## Quiet or buzz? four patterns cover most early words

|                                                  |                   |                              |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Small pointing and linking words                 | buzz (voiced)     | the, this, that, then, those |
| -ther in family and weather words                | buzz (voiced)     | mother, father, weather      |
| Most other words that start with th              | quiet (voiceless) | thin, thumb, three           |
| th at the end: quiet, but add an e and it buzzes | quiet, then buzz  | bath / bathe, teeth / teethe |

\*with is said both ways across the US. author and panther keep a quiet th. thr (three, throw) is a blend: th, then r.

## Read it out loud

1. This is a thin moth.
2. Math is fun.
3. Beth has a bath.
4. Then the dog ran up the path.
5. That is a thick rug.
6. Seth sat with them.



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