Welcome to Broken English, the quick fix for your pronunciation. My name is Geoff. Today, we’re looking at the voiced th sound, ð. To really study pronunciation, please repeat the sounds with me as you listen. I even suggest recording yourself so you can see how you sound, if you are able. Alright, let’s get started.

To make the /ð/ sound, remember to put the front of your tongue a little between your teeth. You can also have the tip of your tongue touching your top tooth slightly, but in general your tongue is between your top and bottom teeth. You should feel a lot of air going through your mouth; do not stop the air. Lastly, make sure your throat is vibrating

Let’s start with some practice words.

then that those rather bathe brother whether though soothe this these feather though

Next, some word pairs:

this that/ these those/ rather bathe/ this weather/ soothes teething/ either leather

Now, some comparisons. Let’s start with ð and d sounds:

bathe/bade then/den rather/radder weather/wetter soothe/sued they/day

Now, for ð and z:

wither/wizard bathe/bays then/Zen seethe/seize clothing/closing

Lastly, some practice sentences:

These bays are closing due to the rather wetter weather.

Then use either leather to soothe the baby’s teething.

The wizard was seething when his clothing was seized.

This is the zoo they bathed their brothers in.

Alright, that’s it for today! Again, record yourself. See if you can pronounce the words like me, and we’ll practice again next time. Thanks for listening!