Welcome to Broken English, the quick fix for your pronunciation. My name is Geoff. Today, we’re looking at the voiceless th sound, θ. 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 /θ/ 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.

Let’s start with some practice words.

thin thick anything without wealth healthy death fourth sixtieth

Next, some word pairs:

thick thistles/ anything thin/ without wealth/ sixtieth birthday/ think thoughts/ thread through/ thumping thumbs

Now, some comparisons. Let’s start with θ and t

thin/tin with/wit fourth/fort wealth/welt death/debt thick/tick

Now, for θ and s

thin/sin fourth/force thick/sick think/sink tenth/tense

Lastly, some practice sentences

I think the fourth sink was thin enough.

Anything will fit within a thicker tin.

His death was from a healthy tick with a sickness.

Thread through the thread with your thumb.

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!