

## Spelling list: Some *th* words

A *consonant digraph* is when two consonants come together to create one sound.

The word *digraph* comes from Greek and can be split into: *di* (two) and *graph* (written).

These examples use the letters *t* and *h* to spell two slightly different sounds – the unvoiced *th* (/t/) and the voiced *th* (/ð/).

But fear not, understanding these sounds is simpler than it seems!

The unvoiced *th* (/t/) is produced when air passes between the tongue and the upper front teeth, as in words like *think* and *thick*.

On the other hand, the voiced *th* (/ð/) occurs when the vocal cords vibrate while making the sound, as heard in words like *this* and *brother*.

Click on the speaker icons to hear each of these *th* words pronounced. Repeat them. Do you notice how your tongue changes position?

think                      I **think** my spelling will improve if I practise every day.

thank                      **Thank** you for the invitation to the party.

thick                      The bear has **thick** fur.

thin                      Stray cats are often very **thin**.

three                      The wedding cake was in **three** tiers.

third                      He came **third** in the race.

thousand                      I won a **thousand** dollars in the draw.

thought                      I **thought** the film was really good.

thrill                      Fast fairground rides give me a **thrill**.

throat                      I keep sneezing and my **throat** is sore.

throb                      Is it a burning pain or is it more like a **throb**?

through                      He kicked the ball **through** the window.

throw                      I want to **throw** a snowball at my brothers.

thrush	A <b>thrush</b> has speckled plumage.
thunder	The <b>thunder</b> made a tremendous noise.
cloth	Silk is a very fine type of <b>cloth</b> .
fifth	May is the <b>fifth</b> month.
tenth	Today is the <b>tenth</b> anniversary of our marriage.
length	A centimetre is a unit of <b>length</b> .
strength	Superman had superhuman <b>strength</b> .