

Th Digraph Word List

We've split the lists into different sound categories in alphabetical order to help you locate words you might want to use with your students.

Words containing the /th/ (θ) sound, as in thin...

One-syllable words with regular spelling patterns and no other digraphs:

bath, Beth, broth, cloth, depth, fifth, filth, froth, Goth, math, maths, moth, path, pith, plinth, sixth, sloth, smith, tenth, thank, theft, thin, think, thrill, throb, thrust, thud, thug, thump, twelfth, with*.

*With has the alternative pronunciation in many accents. It's pronounced the same way as thin in Australia and some parts of England: <https://www.spelfabet.com.au/spelling-lists/sorted-by-sound/th1/th-as-in-thin/>

One-syllable words with other digraphs or some irregular spelling patterns:

berth, birth, both, breadth, breath, dearth, death, Earth, faith, firth, forth, fourth, girth, health, heath, length, month, mouth, myth, ninth, North, oath, Ruth, South, stealth, strength, teeth, thatch, thaw, theme, thick, thief, thigh, thing, third, thirst, thorn, thought, thrash, thread, thresh, three, threw, throat, throng, throw, thrush, thumb, tooth, truth, warmth, wealth, worth, wreath, youth.

Two or more syllable words - may contain other digraphs:

anthem, anther, anything, apathy, atheist, athlete, author, bathroom, bathtub, beneath, birthday, empathy, enthuse, everything, ethics, ethnic, faithful, filthy, frothy, hadith, marathon, nothing, panther, pithy, python, seventh, stealthy, thankful, theatre (UK), theater (US), therapy, theory, thermometer, thimble, thirsty, thirteen, thirty, thousand, thunder, Thursday, toothbrush, truthful, wealthy, worthless.

Words containing the /th/ (ð) sound as in this...

One-syllable words with regular spelling patterns and no other digraphs:

than, that, them, then, this, thus, with.

One-syllable words with other digraphs or some irregular spelling patterns:

bathe, booth, breathe*, clothes*, loathe*, smooth, soothe*, the, their, there, these, they, those, though, thy, writhe*.

*'the' is acting as a trigraph in these words.

Two or more syllable words - may contain other digraphs: another, bathing, blather, blether, bother, brother, clothing, dither, either, farther, father, fathom, feather, further, gather, heather, leather, mother, neither, northern, other, rather, rhythm, slither, smoother, soothing, tether, therefore, together, weather, whether, wither, worthy.



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Pseudo-words Containing the Th Digraph

See the information on our website about pseudowords. You could use some of these as practice words for a screening check or as part of a less formal assessment of a child's decoding ability. Since this digraph can have 2 different sounds, you could allow either pronunciation when children are reading these words.

Heth, Soth, Teth, Brith, Cheth, Quoth, Snath, Thack, Thrip, Thrum, Mither, Nother, Thecal, Threap, Toroth, Zibeth.

Exceptions where th doesn't represent either of the above 2 sounds...

These are mainly names of things.

Asthma, Beethoven, Esther, pothole, Thai, Thailand, Thames, Thomas, thyme.

