

Voiced and Unvoiced **th**

Rule 1: At the beginning word

th is voiced for function words.

Eg: this, that, these, those there, though, then, than, them, they.

th is unvoiced for content words.

Eg: Thursday, thermos (noun) throw, think (verb) thick, thin (adverb) three, thirteen (adjective).

Rule 2: In the middle of the word

th is voiced when it comes between two vowels.

Ex: mother, father, weather.

th is unvoiced if it comes before a consonant.

Ex: bathtub, birthday, toothbrush.

Rule 3: At the end of the word

th is voiced if it is followed by e at the end of the word.

Ex: breathe, bathe.

th is mostly unvoiced if it comes at the end of the word.

Ex: Earth, both, cloth, health.

Note: There are few exceptions like mathematics, pathetic, with.