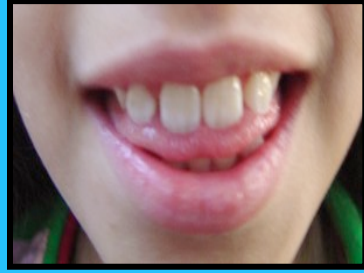
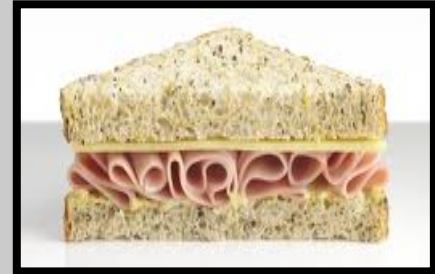


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"Tongue Sandwich Sound"



We call the "th" the "tongue sandwich sound" because the tongue (the "meat") needs to stick between the teeth (the "bread")

Help me practice making the "th" sound!

- My tongue sticks out through my teeth
- My air pushes over my tongue
- My top lip stays away from my tongue
- There are two kinds of "th" sounds.
 - "th" is sometimes a noisy sound, like in the word "the." I need to turn my voice on to make this sound.
 - "th" is sometimes a quiet sound, like in the word "bath." I need to turn my voice off to make this sound.

Something doesn't sound quite right...

It takes time to break old habits and develop a perfect sound! Consider these tips:

1

The most common substitution for a "th" sound is an "f." If "th" sounds like "f," it is probably because the teeth are touching the bottom lip rather than the tongue. Look at these pictures. Which one is the correct placement for "th"? Which is correct for "f"?



2

If "th" sounds "spitty" be sure that the top lip is off of the tongue. Check it out in a mirror, PhotoBooth, or video recording. You might also need to swallow your saliva before practicing.

I can make the sound... Now what?

Great work! Now let's carryover that success into syllables, simple words, more complex words, phrases, sentences, readings, and conversation.

Practice the words on these lists and then go on a sound hunt. Look at books, food labels, billboards... Everything and anything! Hang a list on the fridge and see how many words you can add!

Initial "th"

the they three
thanks think this

Medial "th"

bathtub python panther
leather bathrobe mother

Final "th"

path math bath
earth sloth teeth