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## **SAY IT RIGHT**

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The "th" revisited

We have done this before, and the reason we are doing it again is because a young friend proved to me that all the friends she introduced me to, said "tree" for "three" and "turd" for "third".

What was horrifying is that they did not at all think it important to do it correctly.

This is a serious reminder: the "th" is made with the tip of the tongue slightly protruding between the teeth, while you breathe out as you say the sound.

Practise with these words:

thank, the, faithful, weather, youth and loathe.

If the "th" sounds like "f", "t" or "d" – you need to work on your "th".

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