

Eth /ð/ Words

English has a relatively small number of /ð/ words. However many are used in high-frequency, everyday language. As we have noted, it is possible to predict the sound of /ð/ words using three consonant patterns. The words below are organized by these patterns. +B refers specifically to *-e*, *-ed*, *-ing*, a subcategory of +E. Exceptional vowel sounds in the stressed syllables are noted. Record words going down each column.

thV^f = /ð/ ₁↳²

the /ə/ that	they /ey/ them	these those	then there /ɛ/
though /ow/ their /ɛ/	theirs /ɛ/ thus	thee ¹ thy ¹	thine ¹ thou ¹ /aw/

ther# = /ð/; ther+B = /ð/; thern = /ð/

mother /ʌ/ brother /ʌ/ father farther	norther smoother /uw/ whether leather /ɛ/	heather /ɛ/ together other /ʌ/ another /ʌ/	northern southern /ʌ/ either neither
withering weathered /ɛ/	feathered /ɛ/ lathering	gathered bothering	smothering /ʌ/ furthering

Vth+B = /ð/ [The stressed vowel in each case is glided and fits the 'name' clue.]

bathe tithe	clothe loathe	breathe seethe	teethe soothe /uw/
bathing tithing	clothing loathing	breathing seething	teething soothing /uw/
bathed tithed	clothed loathed	breathed seethed	smoothed /uw/ mouthed /aw/

¹Pronoun found only in Old English documents and in religious texts and liturgy.