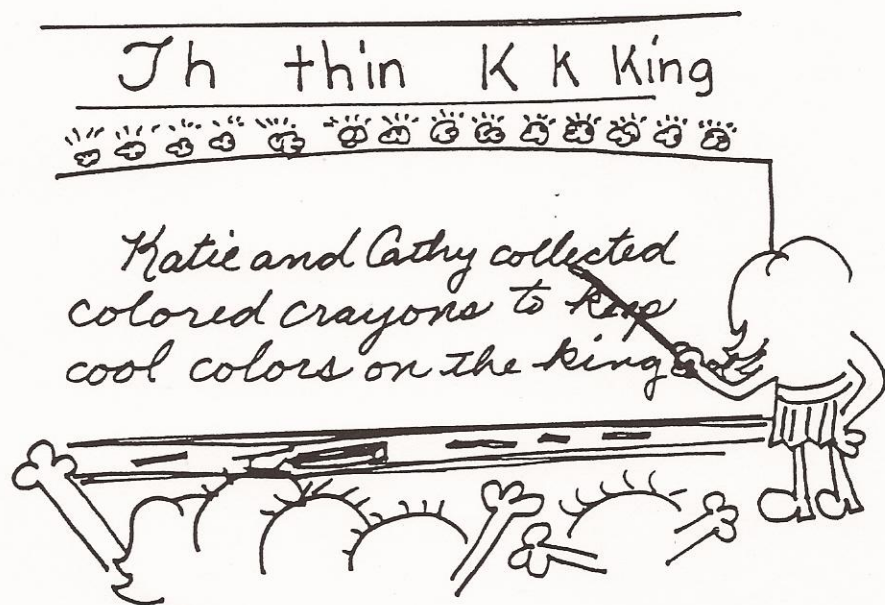


INTRODUCTION

Practice Sentences

These sentences were designed to give the student practice in saying the English sounds that are most difficult coming from his native language background. There are also twenty general practice sentences at the end for a little tongue twister fun and challenge. Students almost universally have difficulty with th (thin), th (these) and short vowels.



ARABIC

Difficult Sounds



ch	(chin)	th	(thin)
g	(go)	ch	(then)
ng	(ring)	a	(man)
p	(pot)	e	(egg)
r	(red)	i	(sit)
sh	(ship)	o	(hot)
t	(ten)	u	(up)

1. Ted had better head west.
2. Put the peeled potatoes in a pot.
3. She is doing the washing this morning.
4. The boys enjoy their toys.
5. It's a pleasure to meet you.
6. Richard is roller skating with Chuck this Thursday.
7. Gigantic garlic and green grapes grow in the garden.
8. I sing songs every evening in Spring.
9. The three brothers' birthdays are this month.
10. Charlie's dishes were chipped when they arrived at the china shop.



CHINESE

Difficult Sounds

d (dog)

l (lip)

r (red)

th (thin)

th (then)

z (zoo)



1. This is the thigh bone.
2. Rory ran a race.
3. I have a very bad headache.
4. The garden grows bigger in August.
5. Paul has ham and scrambled eggs for breakfast.
6. Harry has half a hamburger.
7. Jack usually drinks orange juice in the morning.
8. Measure the beige garage.
9. There are thousands of these things to think about.
10. She sells seashells by the seashore.



CROATIAN/SERBIAN

Difficult Sounds



c	(cent) always soft	a	(man)
r	(red)	e	(egg)
th	(thin)	i	(sit)
th	(then)	o	(hot)
w	(water)	u	(up)

1. Zach has a black cat.
2. We got the best egg from the red hen.
3. Max hums happily along with the music.
4. Put the poster up on the other wall.
5. In winter, the wind whistles from the west.
6. Both boxes arrived on Thursday, not Tuesday.
7. Thelma thinks these things through.
8. Please put the lid on that pot.
9. They stopped and picked up better vegetables.
10. They met the photographer at the theater.



CZECH

Difficult Sounds

d	(dog)
g	(game)
j	(jet)
th	(thin)
th	(then)
w	(water)



1. The fat cat sat on Father's hat.
2. Let the yellow Jell-O set.
3. Which way will Willy wander?
4. Ted had said that Fred was in bed with a cold.
5. The dog dug at the frog in the bag.
6. Just the edge of the page was damaged.
7. "Dad," "father" and "pa" mean the same thing.
8. Jimmy saw the vet get the dog wet.
9. Stuffed turkey is a favorite for Thanksgiving.
10. Thelma thinks these thighs are thin.



FARSI

Difficult Sounds



d	(bad) final	th	(then)
g	(game) initial	w	(water)
i	(sit)	e	(egg)
(ng)	(ring)	o	(hot)
s	(sad) plus other consonants	u	(up)
th	(thin)		

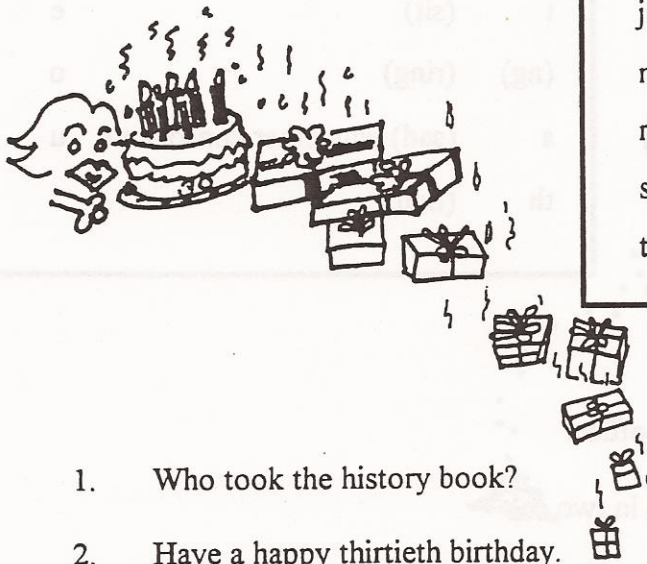
1. Please stop at the post office.
2. He sawed the wide rod in two.
3. He will have a wonderful voyage.
4. Gary, hold out your hand.
5. She saw a school of cod under the net.
6. Wayne wants Willy to wait with Wendy.
7. This Thursday is Heather's third birthday.
8. Gail gave me a great gift before Gary did.
9. They're both wearing gold wedding rings on their fingers.
10. Did Bob find a big bug under the bed?



FRENCH

Difficult Sounds

ch	(chin)	t	(tent) final
h	(hand)	th	(thin)
j	(jet)	th	(then)
ng	(ring)	e	(egg)
r	(red)	i	(sit)
s	(pots) final	u	(up)
t	(jacket) final after vowel		

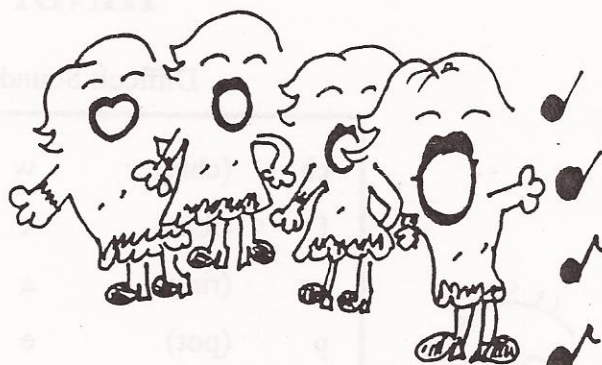


1. Who took the history book?
2. Have a happy thirtieth birthday.
3. George is a judge.
4. The boys enjoy their choice of toys.
5. Would you tell us how long the line is?
6. Swimming and sailing are enjoyable things.
7. Charles cashes his check each Thursday.
8. Thelma thinks these things through.
9. Susan thanked him for the theater tickets.
10. Jack usually chooses orange juice and vegetables for lunch.



GERMAN

Difficult Sounds



b, d, g	(tab, bad, bag) final
ng	(ring)
s	(sad) plus vowels
s	(spot, stop, slow) plus p, t, l
th	(thin)
th	(then)
w	(water)

1. John is going swimming.
2. This was Steve's razor.
3. Join the youth group.
4. Slowly step on to the street.
5. Which way will we walk?
6. The women's choir is singing with the ringing bells.
7. The coach watched the Chargers score a touchdown.
8. Does her apartment have three bedrooms and a bath?
9. Heather says there are three zeroes in one thousand.
10. Mr. Smith slowly scraped snow from his window.



HINDI

Difficult Sounds

ch	(chin)	w	(water)
f	(foot)	x	(extra)
ng	(ring)	a	(man)
p	(pot)	e	(egg)
q	(queen)	i	(sit)
th	(thin)	o	(hot)
th	(then)	u	(up)
v	(vote)		



1. Peter picked purple plums.
2. Frank fixes fine furniture.
3. Bring the ping pong ball.
4. Set those three thick tree trunks on the truck.
5. Chelsea shouldn't choose chocolate shakes.
6. Which show will we watch?
7. Put the pot of peppers on the back porch.
8. Martha thoroughly thought these things through.
9. I wouldn't want to wear wool in warm weather.
10. Does he pet the cat on the head or the back?



HMONG

Difficult Sounds

b	(boy)	th	(thin)
d	(dog)	th	(then)
d	(bed) final	w	(water)
k	(kind)	a	(man)
k	(sack) final	e	(egg)
p	(pot)	i	(sit)
p	(map) final	o	(hot)
t	(ten)	u	(up)
t	(pet) final		

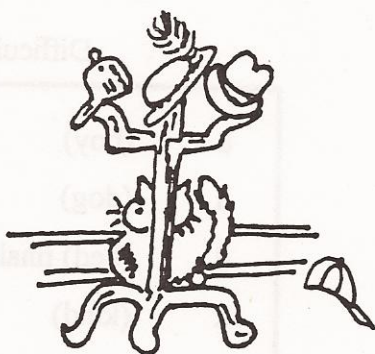


1. Cats are the best pets.
2. Elizabeth won three prizes.
3. What size is the garage?
4. I will leave at twelve o'clock.
5. Bob read the paper to Dick.
6. The weather is bad through the winter.
7. I rarely go there.
8. Bring the broom into the other room.
9. Beth gave me big blue violets.
10. Bob said he would take a walk this evening.



HUNGARIAN

Difficult Sounds



j	jet	a	(saw)
r	(red)	e	(egg)
th	(thin)	i	(sit)
th	(then)	o	(hot)
w	(water)	u	(up)
a	(man)	u	(cute)

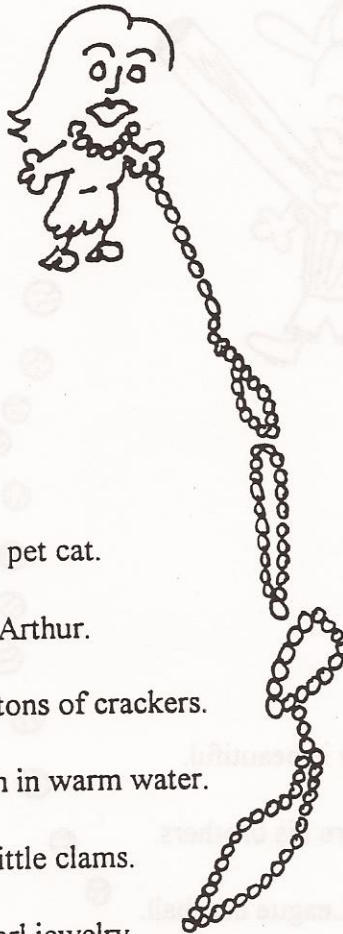
1. Jane jumps for joy.
2. This leather is smooth.
3. Which way is Washington?
4. Matthew has three brothers.
5. Park Jerry's car near the yard.
6. Have you used these new running shoes?
7. Robert rode the red raft in the river.
8. That fat cat sat at the back of that very hat rack.
9. Willy wondered why Warren's watch was wet.
10. Thelma thoroughly thanked thirty thin weathermen.



JAPANESE

Difficult Sounds

c	(cent)
l	(lip)
r	(red)
th	(thin)
th	(then)
v	(vote)
w	(water)



1. Matt sat near the pet cat.
2. That thin man is Arthur.
3. Carol carries cartons of crackers.
4. We want to wash in warm water.
5. Gil likes lots of little clams.
6. Cheryl wears pearl jewelry.
7. Sue said she sees the sailboat in the center of the sea.
8. Ruth's thirteenth birthday is April third.
9. Valerie ran to the grocery store for celery.
10. The doctor urged her to leave work early.



KOREAN

Difficult Sounds

b	(boy)
h	(hope)
j	(jet)
l	(lip)
r	(read)
th	(thin)
th	(then)
w	(water)



1. Show me the saw.
2. Let's all listen.
3. Barbara's baby boy is beautiful.
4. Those three men are his brothers.
5. Larry plays Little League baseball.
6. Jeb just jumped into the jeep.
7. The heavy handle hit Harold's head.
8. The willow leans slightly to the left.
9. Blend blueberries and butter in the batter.
10. Jan's car is parked near the curb on Brown Drive.



POLISH

Difficult Sounds



j	(jet)	i	(mile)
th	(thin)	o	(hot)
th	(then)	oo	(boot)
w	(water)	u	(cute)
a	(take)		

1. Tom lost the golf ball.
2. Willy wants to whistle.
3. Put shoes and boots in your new suitcase.
4. I like white rice.
5. Jean easily eats green peas.
6. This pitcher is filled with chilled milk.
7. She wears a single ring on her finger.
8. Matthew's thumb thoroughly throbs.
9. Wash the windows with warm water.
10. Lillian leaned lightly against the little ladder.



PORTUGUESE

Difficult Sounds

ch	(chin)
h	(hand)
l	(tell) final
r	(red)



1. Here is the helping of ham.
2. Jim just jumped down.
3. Wear your raincoat when it is raining.
4. This Thursday is the third of the month.
5. Did Charles choose cherry or chocolate cheesecake?
6. There are swirls of curls in her brown hair.
7. Jed picked baskets of peaches each morning.
8. This big ship slips into the mist.
9. He has hot dogs and hamburgers on holidays.
10. The teacher watches each child choose their lunch.



SPANISH

Difficult Sounds



h	(hat)	w	(water)
j	(jet)	z	(zoo)
r	(red)	a	(man)
s	(sad)	e	(egg)
sh	(ship)	i	(sit)
th	(thin)	i	(mile)
th	(then)	o	(hot)
v	(vote)	u	(up)



1. This chip dip is rich.
2. Julie enjoys jelly and jam.
3. Have a happy holiday.
4. The clock stopped last night at school.
5. That thin beef is the very best buy.
6. Georgia's peaches are big and juicy.
7. Please park your car in the garage.
8. Shelly showed the chair to Sharon.
9. Does this jet stop in Mississippi?
10. Southern cities have better weather in the winter than northern cities.



TAGALOG

Difficult Sounds

f	(fan)
j	(jet)
v	(vote)
th	(thin)
th	(then)
z	(zoo)

1. Visitors favor the vast valley.
2. John enjoys George's jokes.
3. Is this his business?
4. Fat fish find fresh food.
5. Thelma thinks these things through.
6. I fly my kite on Friday night.
7. Zelda's jazz band needs some pizzazz.
8. Vivian buys very big vitamins.
9. Did you pick this big gift?
10. Five very heavy waves covered the victims.



THAI

Difficult Sounds



ch	(chin)	w	(water)
l	(lip)	z	(zoo)
p, t, k	(top, mitt, pick) final	i	(sit)
s	(stop) s plus consonants	e	(bed)
th	(thin)	o	(go)
th	(then)	oo	(book)

1. It's not easy to study.
2. Charles read a good book.
3. "Oh, Suzannah" is a folk song.
4. Samantha went with Elizabeth.
5. Chuck chooses to chew the chocolate chips.
6. The students step up to the school bus stop.
7. Matthew thinks there are thirty-two teeth in his mouth.
8. Laura kept thick books in boxes.
9. Open that pop-top pack of pop, please.
10. Wild flowers will wilt without water.

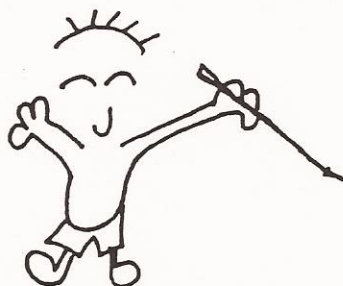
TURKISH

Difficult Sounds



b, d, g (tab, bad, bag) final	th	(then)
k, p, t (cracker, upper, butter) medial	v	(very)
ng ring	w	(water)
s (stop) initial clusters with s	a	(man)
th (thin)	e	(ten)

1. Stacy stands still.
2. Ted had a very good dog.
3. Stack the packages of butter on the upper shelf.
4. Hank gets giddy when he drinks.
5. Get them out of bed at ten.
6. Where is the white vase kept?
7. Harold thought these things were theirs.
8. Why would Martha wear violet to the wedding?
9. Swimming sends shivers down my spine.
10. Stop at the stationery store for stamps.



VIETNAMESE

Difficult Sounds

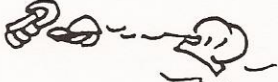
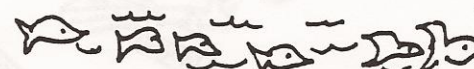


ch	(chin)	th	(then)
d	(dog)	<u>a</u>	(take)
l	(lip)	a	(man)
s	(cats) final	<u>e</u>	(seen)
th	(thin)	oo	(boot)



1. Paid vacations are great.
2. Both boys bought brown boots.
3. This chip dip is rich.
4. Think these things through.
5. Charles checks which cheese I choose.
6. Laura rarely writes letters.
7. Have you seen Ruth's terry cloth towel?
8. Dad does the dirty dishes.
9. Chew the chunks or you will choke.
10. Sue slathers sunscreen on her skin when she sits in the sun.



General Practice

1. She sells seashells by the seashore. 
2. Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.
3. How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?
4. Beth gave me big blue violets.
5. Fish feed at the fourth fathom. 
6. The frozen ice formed floes that flowed forth from the thaw. 
7. Lillian leans lightly against the little ladder.
8. Wayne washed his wrists in the warm running water.
9. Thelma thinks these thing through.
10. Holly held the heavy hose in both hands.
11. The Lincoln Lawn Service sells certified fertilizer.
12. This sink stinks more than you think.
13. Charlie shared chocolate with Sharon. 
14. Heather thinks her thighs are thin.
15. Willie wishes his wrists were thick.
16. Lillian's lilies, so lovely and rare, are grown in the garden you see over there.
17. The fat cat sat at the back of that very hat rack.
18. Martha thoroughly thanked thirty thin weathermen.
19. Open that pack of pop-top pop, please.
20. Queenie's quail quivered quietly in the earthquake.

