

UNIT 42

Web Site Answer Sheet

/ð/ • the other

Sounds of the Letters *th*

1 Read the words below. Circle the word in each line in which the letters *th* have a different sound than they have in the other words.

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| 1. birthday | healthy | leather | something | athlete |
| 2. this | they | though | thousand | there |
| 3. thing | that | Thursday | three | thought |
| 4. math | teeth | month | bath | smooth |
| 5. mother | weather | author | together | rather |
| 6. breathe | bathe | teethe | nothing | clothing |

 **2** Listen. Repeat the words and check your answers.

3 Complete the rules with the correct symbols: /ð/ (as in *other*) or /θ/ (as in *think*).

1. At the beginning of structure words (*the, this, that, etc.*), *th* has the sound / ð /.
2. At the beginning of other words (*thing, three, etc.*), *th* has the sound / θ /.
3. At the end of a word, *th* usually has the sound / θ / (exception: *smooth*).
4. Before *-e* or *-er* at the end of a word, *th* usually has the sound / ð /.