

# How to Pronounce "The"

Did you know there are two ways to pronounce "the"?

The rules are like those for when to use "a" and "an"—it depends on the first sound in the following word. If the word following "the" starts with a consonant sound, you pronounce "the" as "thuh." If the word following "the" starts with a vowel sound, you pronounce "the" as "thee."

## Consonants

- Did he bring "thuh" cheese platter?
- Where is "thuh" universal remote?

## Vowels

- I prefer "thee" effervescent water.
- Did she get "thee" MRI?

One possible exception is when you are emphasizing the singularity.

## Example

- That is "thuh" problem.
- That is "thee" problem.

The second instance is emphasizing that there is only one problem, and that everything else has been taken care of.