

## 16. /ð/ this, that

This is the voiced pair to /θ/. You will find that the effort of voicing presses your tongue a little further forward, pushing it harder against the teeth.

### *PRACTICE*

- A. father      mother      brother      weather      feather      further  
other      another      together      either      neither      rather      bother  
southern      northern      breathe      bathe      clothes      mouths
- B. Say slowly, then faster and faster. Don't be afraid to exaggerate when saying /ð/.  
Birds of a feather flock together.
- C. Practice the following dialogue.

### I'd rather be a mother than a father

Father: Where are the others?

Mother: They've gone bathing. Heather and her brother called for them.

Father: Heather Feather?

Mother: No, the other Heather – Heather Mather. I told them to stay together, and not to go further than Northern Cove.

Father: Why didn't you go with them?

Mother: I'd rather get on with the ironing without them.

Father: In this weather? There's a southerly breeze. One can hardly breathe indoors.

Mother: Go and have a bathe, then.

Father: Another bathe? I can't be bothered. I'll go with you, though.

Mother: But all these clothes...who'd be a mother!

Father: I'd rather be a mother than a father! All those hungry mouths!