



S / Th Initial Position Minimal Pairs

EXERCISE 6: Look at the words below. They are missing the first letter. Listen to your teacher say the words, and watch how their mouth moves. Write whether each word starts with an 'S' or an 'Th'. The first one has been done for you.

's' sounds are produced with the front end of the tongue (although not the tip) coming close to the roof of the mouth, but not touching it.

'th' sounds are produced with the tongue between the upper and lower teeth.

- 1) s aw s aw s aw th aw s aw
- 2) ___aw ___aw ___aw ___aw ___aw
- 3) ___ick ___ick ___ick ___ick ___ick
- 4) ___ick ___ick ___ick ___ick ___ick
- 5) ___ink ___ink ___ink ___ink ___ink
- 6) ___ink ___ink ___ink ___ink ___ink

EXERCISE 7: Now partner up with another student, and try it again!

- 1) ___aw ___aw ___aw ___aw ___aw
- 2) ___aw ___aw ___aw ___aw ___aw
- 3) ___ick ___ick ___ick ___ick ___ick
- 4) ___ick ___ick ___ick ___ick ___ick
- 5) ___ink ___ink ___ink ___ink ___ink
- 6) ___ink ___ink ___ink ___ink ___ink