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The Consonant Sounds [h] and [th]

Introduction to [h] as in "help" or "whole" and [th] as in "thank"

Consonant Sounds [h] and [th]



Usually [h] is spelled <h>, and sometimes <wh>. The sound [th] is always spelled <th>.

Examples

You can hear the sound [h] at the beginning of *help*.

You can hear the sound [th] at the beginning of *thing*.

Review

1. Underline the letters that spell [h] in the following words:

who	anyhow	heated	whom
alcohol	whole	helicopter	horse
lighthouse	stockholder	whose	high

2. The sound [h] is spelled _____ in eight of the words.

3. It is spelled _____ in four of the words.

4. Sort the words into these two groups:

Words with [h] spelled . . .

<h>		<wh>

[Figure1]

5. Two ways to spell [h] are _____ and _____.

6. Underline the letters in the words below that spell [th]. Be careful! Some of the words do not contain [th] — and so in these words you should not underline any letters:

something	earth	thirty	through
thank	lighthouse	breath	thin
light	thought	church	fifth
short	often	white	hothead

7. Sort the words into these groups:

Words with . . .

[th]	no [th]

[Figure2]

8. The two words with <th> but not [th] are _____ and _____.

9. How many ways did you find to spell [th]? _____

10. The sound [th] is always spelled _____.

Review (Answers)

1.

<u>who</u>	<u>any</u> how	<u>h</u> ave	<u>wh</u> om
<u>beh</u> ind	<u>wh</u> ole	<u>h</u> elicopter	<u>h</u> eight
<u>a</u> head	<u>per</u> haps	<u>wh</u> ose	<u>h</u> ead

2. The sound [h] is spelled <h> in eight of the words.

3. It is spelled <wh> in four of the words.

4.

Words with [h] spelled

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<h>		<wh>
<i>behind</i>	<i>have</i>	<i>who</i>
<i>ahead</i>	<i>helicopter</i>	<i>whole</i>
<i>anyhow</i>	<i>height</i>	<i>whose</i>
<i>perhaps</i>	<i>heard</i>	<i>whom</i>

5. Two ways to spell [h] are <h> and <wh>.

6.

<i>something</i>	<i>earth</i>	<i>thirty</i>	<i>through</i>
<i>thank</i>	<i>might</i>	<i>high</i>	<i>thin</i>
<i>light</i>	<i>thought</i>	<i>church</i>	<i>without</i>
<i>short</i>	<i>often</i>	<i>where</i>	<i>hothead</i>

7.

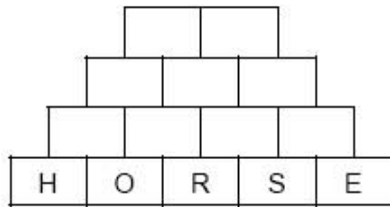
Words with [th]:	Words with no [th]:
<i>something</i>	<i>light</i>
<i>thank</i>	<i>short</i>
<i>earth</i>	<i>might</i>
<i>thought</i>	<i>often</i>
<i>thirty</i>	<i>high</i>
<i>through</i>	<i>church</i>
<i>thin</i>	<i>where</i>
<i>without</i>	<i>hothead</i>

8. The two words with <th> but not [th] are lighthouse and hothead.9. How many ways did you find to spell [th]? One10. The sound [th] is always spelled <th>

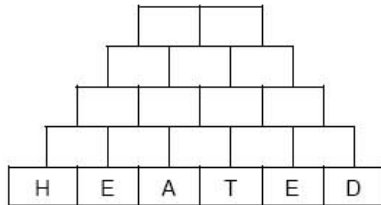
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Explore More

Word Pyramids. The following Pyramids consist of words that contain the sound [h] spelled <h>:

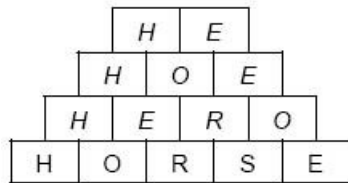


[Figure3]

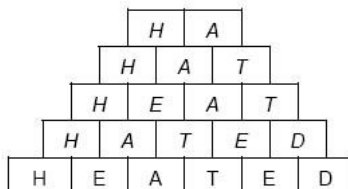


[Figure4]

Explore More (Answers)



[Figure5]



[Figure6]

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