



Articles Pronunciation Interactive Worksheet **Answers**

In order to complete this worksheet, you should watch the pronunciation video about the definite article in English. You should complete this worksheet at the same time as watching the video.

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Fill in the gaps with the correct words or numbers about the pronunciation of the.

- ⇒ There are **two** ways to pronounce this word.
- ⇒ The first pronunciation is written phonetically as **/ðə/**. This pronunciation is formed with two sounds.
 - The first sound is **/ð/**. To create this sound, the mouth is **slightly open**, the tongue is **gently resting between the top and bottom sets of teeth**, the cheeks are **dropped** and the jaw is **loose**.
 - The second sound is **/ə/**.
 - To transition between these two sounds, we need to **drop the jaw and push out a little sound**.
- ⇒ The second pronunciation is written phonetically as **/ði:/** and also has two sounds.
 - The first sound is **/ð/**.
 - The second sound is **/i:/**. To create this sound, the cheeks are **very high and lifted**, the back of the tongue is **lifted to the roof of the mouth**, the front of the tongue is **resting behind the bottom teeth**.
 - To transition between these two sounds, we need to **raise the cheeks**.
- ⇒ When we say “the bird”, the correct pronunciation of the would be **/ðə/** because **when the first letter directly after the word the is a consonant, then we pronounce the article as /ðə/**.
- ⇒ When we say “the elephant”, the correct pronunciation of the would be **/ði:/** because **when the first letter directly after the word the is a vowel, then we pronounce the article as /ði:/**.