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Preface

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In order for learners who are PSU students to learn the course offline, and other learners who are interested in learning the Thai language, the content of the online course was revised for a hard copy version. The printed version was financially supported by the Faculty of Liberal Arts Fund in the category of Book Publishing Grants in the fiscal year 2022 to be published and disseminated by a publisher. Moreover, it needs to be certified by the publisher that the book has been peer-reviewed by experts in the Thai language or related fields from at least three educational institutions.

The book contains lessons that are considered useful for international learners as it comprises basic sentences for practice listening and speaking for use in everyday life, education, and work.

The content of the book covers giving personal information about oneself and others; daily life conversation; pronunciation; listening and speaking practice based on the given situations. The book has two parts: Part 1 Sound systems of the Thai language and Thai phonetic alphabet, and Part 2 Thai Listening and Speaking Skills.

Part 1 consists of three topics: the consonant sound system, the vowel sound systems, and the Thai tonal system.

Part 2 consists of 15 lessons: Thai etiquette in communication, Self-introduction, Family members, Body Parts and illnesses, Daily activities and time, Home appliances, Places and directions, Shapes, Stationery, Days of the week, Fruits, Pets, At the coffee shop, At the restaurant, and At the bank.

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Part 1

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ตอนที่ 1

Sound systems of the Thai language and Thai phonetic alphabet

Thai is a monosyllabic language in which tones influence the meaning of the word. If a word with the same initial consonant sound but pronounced with different tones, the meanings are different. For example, the word มา [maa] is a verb which means “come” in English. When the word is pronounced หม่า [mǎa] it is a noun which means “a dog” in English.

The example of how the word with the same initial consonant /m/ and the vowel /aa/ pronounced with a different tone conveys a different meaning is the reason why it is necessary for learners of the Thai language to know the sound system and phonetic alphabet of the Thai language. The knowledge can help learners to distinguish different sounds of the Thai language which is important for successful communication with Thai speakers.

According to Naksakun (2013), there are three sound systems in the Thai language: consonant sounds, vowel sounds and tonal sounds. The places of articulation are as follows.

The consonant sound system of the Thai language consists of three systems: the initial consonants, initial clusters and final consonants.

The initial consonant is always accompanied by a vowel sound. There are eight types of initial consonant sounds as follows.

There are five initial voiceless unaspirated plosive consonants, of which the places of articulation are shown in the following tables.

No.	Bilabial	Dental /Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
1	/p-/				
2		/t-/			
3			/c-/		
4				/k-/	
5					/ʔ-/

Examples of Thai words with initial voiceless unaspirated plosive consonants are shown in the following Table 2.

Table 2 Thai words containing an initial voiceless unaspirated plosive consonant

No.	Initial	Phonetic Transcription		Meaning
1	/p-/	pèt		duck
2	/t-/	tàw		turtle
3	/c-/	cîŋ.còk		lizard
4	/k-/	kaa		crow
5	/ʔ-/	ʔùŋ.ʔàaŋ		bullfrog

1.1.2 Initial voiceless aspirated plosive consonants based on places of articulation

There are four initial voiceless aspirated plosive consonants, of which the places of articulation are shown in the following Table 3.

Table 3 Initial voiceless aspirated plosive consonants based on places of articulation

No.	Bilabial	Dental Alveolar	Palatal	Velar
1	/ph-/			
2		/th-/		
3			/ch-/	
4				/kh-/

Examples of Thai words containing an initial voiceless aspirated plosive consonant are shown in the following Table 4.

Table 4 Thai words containing an initial voiceless aspirated plosive consonant

No.	Initial	Phonetic Transcription		Meaning
1	/ph-/	phưŋ		bee
2	/th-/	thoŋ		flag
3	/ch-/	cháaŋ		elephant
4	/kh-/	khàj		egg

1.1.3 Initial voiced unaspirated plosive consonants

There are two initial voiced unaspirated plosive consonants, of which the places of articulation are shown in the following Table 5.

Table 5 Initial voiced unaspirated plosive consonants based on places of articulation

No.	Bilabial	Dental Alveolar
1	/b-/	
2		/d-/

Examples of Thai words containing an initial voiced unaspirated plosive consonant are shown in the following Table 6.

Table 6 Thai words containing an initial voiced unaspirated plosive consonant

No.	Initial	Phonetic Transcription		Meaning
1	/b-/	bâan		home
2	/d-/	daaw		star

1.1.4 Initial nasal consonants

There are three initial nasal consonants, of which the places of articulation are shown in the following Table 7.

Table 7 Initial nasal consonants based on places of articulation

No.	Bilabial	Dental Alveolar	Velar
1	/m-/		
2		/n-/	
3			/ŋ-/

Examples of Thai words containing an initial nasal consonant are shown in the following Table 8.

Table 8 Thai words containing an initial nasal consonant

No.	Initial	Phonetic Transcription	Meaning
1	/m-/	máa	horse
2	/n-/	nǔu	rat
3	/ŋ-/	ŋuu	snake

1.1.5 Initial voiced lateral/lateral approximant consonant

There is only one initial voiced lateral/lateral approximant consonant, of which the place of articulation is shown in the following Table 9.

Table 9 Initial voiced lateral/lateral approximant consonant based on the place of articulation

No.	Dental alveolar
1	/l-/

An example of a Thai word with the initial voiced lateral/lateral approximant consonant is shown in the following Table 10.

Table 10 Thai word containing the initial voiced lateral/lateral approximant

No.	Initial	Phonetic Transcription	Meaning
1	/l-/	lin 	monkey

1.1.6 Initial trill consonant

There is only one initial trill consonant, of which the place of articulation is shown in the following Table 11.



1.1.7 Initial fricative consonants

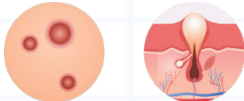
There are three initial fricative consonants, of which the places of articulation are shown in the following Table 13.

Table 13 Initial fricative consonants based on places of articulation

No.	Labiodental	Dental alveolar	Glottal
1	/f-/		
2		/s-/	
3			/h-/

Examples of Thai words containing an initial fricative consonant are shown in the following Table 14.

Table 14 Thai words containing an initial fricative consonant

No.	Initial	Phonetic Transcription		Meaning
1	/f-/	fâaj		cotton
2	/s-/	sǎw		pimple
3	/h-/	hìip		casket

1.1.8 Initial semivowel consonants

There are two initial semivowel consonants, of which the places of articulation are shown in the following Table 15.

Table 15 Initial semivowel consonants based on places of articulation

No.	Labiodental	Palatal	Velar
1	/w-/		(/w-/)
2		/j-/	

Examples of Thai words containing an initial semivowel consonant are shown in the following Table 16.

Table 16 Thai words containing an initial semivowel consonant

No.	Initial	Phonetic Transcription		Meaning
1	/w-/	wâw		kite
2	/j-/	ják		giant

1.2 Initial consonant clusters

Initial consonant clusters are two initial consonant sounds with a vowel that blend them when pronounced. An initial consonant cluster is always accompanied by a vowel. There are eight initial consonant clusters in the Thai language as follows.

1.2.1 Initial consonant clusters containing a trill consonant

There are five initial consonant clusters containing a trill consonant based on the places of articulation as shown in the following Table 17.

Table 17 Initial consonant clusters containing a trill consonant based on places of articulation

No.	Bilabial	Dental Alveolar	Velar
1	/pr-/		
2	/phr-/		
3		/tr-/	
4			/kr-/
5			/khr-/

Examples of Thai words with an initial consonant cluster containing a trill consonant are shown in the following Table 18.

Table 18 Thai words with an initial consonant cluster containing a trill consonant

No.	Initial	Phonetic Transcription		Meaning
1	/pr-/	prà.tuu		door
2	/phr-/	phrá		monk
3	/tr-/	traa.chuu		balance
4	/kr-/	kruaj		cone
5	/khr-/	khrâap		stain