

# The study titled "The Impact of Teaching Linguistics on Speaking Skills Development in Young Thai Students" used a mixed-method approach.

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## **Abstract:**

Incorporating language training ideas can help young Thai students enhance their speaking skills. This study uses a mixed methods approach to assess the efficiency of combining phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax in teaching speaking in Thai educational contexts. The quantitative component involves examining pre and post-test data to assess students' speaking skills, while the qualitative component comprises classroom observations and teacher interviews to understand instructional techniques and student experiences. Linguistics teaching enhances speaking proficiency and has significant ramifications for language learning both domestically and internationally.

Keywords: Teaching Linguistics, Speaking Skills for Young Thai Students, Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Mixed Methods.

## **1. Introduction**

In today's worldwide world, excellent oral communication skills are crucial for success in personal, academic, and professional fields. English proficiency is vital for young Thai pupils as it is a common language in international settings. Incorporating linguistics ideas into language instruction can improve speaking skills, as opposed to relying solely on vocabulary and grammar. This research examines how teaching linguistics affects the development of speaking skills in young Thai learners. It focuses on phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax.

## **2. Literature Review**

2.1: The Importance of Speaking Skill Development Brown (2007) emphasizes the importance of effective oral communication in language acquisition and proficiency.

Speaking skills let students express themselves fluently, interpret spoken language, negotiate meaning, and engage in meaningful interactions (Ellis, 2008). Developing speaking skills is crucial for Thai students to communicate effectively in English.



2.2: The role of linguistics in language: Linguistics, or the scientific study of language, provides vital insights into its structure, function, and use (Lightbown & Spada, 2013). Incorporating linguistic principles like phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax into language training helps enhance students' comprehension of language patterns and rules (Larsen-Freeman & Anderson, 2011). Teaching linguistics helps students improve their language awareness, learning, and communication skills.

2.3: Phonetics & Phonology: Phonetics explores the physical aspects of speech sounds, while phonology studies the abstract sound patterns and norms of a language (Celce-Murcia et al., 2010). The importance of comprehending the articulation, style, and location of speech sounds is emphasized by phonetics. Phonetics focuses on the mechanics of speech production, giving students the tools they need to generate proper sounds. Understanding phonetic and phonological concepts improves students' pronunciation and comprehension in spoken English.

2.4: Morphology & Syntax: Morphology studies the structure and creation of words, while syntax focuses on the arrangement of words in sentences (Brown, 2007). In terms of morphology, it highlights the necessity of understanding word structure and how morphemes are generated. Morphological awareness helps language learners understand word meanings, identify word families, and recognize word formation patterns. Teaching morphology involves breaking down words into their constituent morphemes and investigating the relationships between morphologically related words. Syntax is the set of rules and principles that regulate how words are arranged to produce grammatical sentences in a language. Understanding syntax is critical for students to construct grammatically correct phrases and understand the meaning of complex statements. Teaching morphology and syntax improves students' ability to construct grammatically accurate phrases, leading to increased fluency and correctness in spoken language.

### **3. Methodology**

#### **3.1: Research Design:**

This study uses a mixed methods approach, integrating quantitative and qualitative methodologies, to examine how teaching linguistics affects speaking skills development in young Thai pupils.

#### **3.2: Participants:**

The study included 80 pupils from primary/secondary schools in Thailand, ranging in age from 10 to 17 years old.

Additionally, 6 teachers who teach English as a foreign language participated in the study's qualitative component.



### **3.3: Data Collection:**

Quantitative data is acquired using pre and post-tests to evaluate students' speaking proficiency before and after linguistics education. Qualitative data is collected from classroom observations and semi-structured interviews with teachers to examine instructional practices and student experiences.

## **4. Results**

### **4.1 Quantitative Analysis:**

Analysis of pre and post-test data shows significant improvement in students' speaking skills after integrating linguistics topics.

### **4.2 Qualitative Findings:**

Classroom observations and teacher interviews offer valuable information into the effectiveness of linguistics-based instruction and its impact on student learning.

## **5. Discussion**

The study found that teaching linguistics improves speaking skills in young Thai students. Integrating phonetics, phonology, morphology, and syntax into language training improves students' linguistic awareness and speaking proficiency.

The findings have implications for language teaching in Thailand and beyond, emphasizing the need to incorporate linguistic concepts into curriculum design and teacher training programs.

## **6. Conclusion.**

This research article demonstrates that teaching linguistics has a substantial impact on developing speaking skills in young Thai students. This study's mixed methods approach provides useful insights into the effectiveness of incorporating linguistic principles into language training. More study is needed to identify other characteristics that impact speaking proficiency and improve instructional strategies for better language learning outcomes.

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