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The purpose of this thesis consist of 3 things, there are 1 to study the language usage in the Fortune Telling Sheets. 2 to study the usage of words, idioms, figures of speech, prosody and content. And 3 to study the content in the fortune telling sheets

The data for this research are 597 Fortune Telling Sheets, randomly collected from 22 different locations of spirit houses temples and ieligicus places in each province of the central part of Thailand.

The results of this research shows the words used in the Fortune Telling Sheets covering all types of words including compound words, complexing words, reduplicating words, words expressing emotional feelings and rhyme. All those words help express the explicit and allusive meanings and to also precise the contents. Old idioms and some modifications of idioms are found to use for allusion. The comprehensive figures of speech like simile, metaphor, allegory and allusion, pleasure and better understanding of the content. The used of prosody mostly maintain the original pattern of Klonsupap and Klonniras. The content in the Fortune Telling Sheets consists of the belief in fortune and the consequence of the ways of doing things in life, the question/answer of literary comparison, the Buddha's lessons of 38 being goodness that indicate basic needs of human being. It reflects the value and belief of the Thai society that want to live their life happily.

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