

YUPHAYONG THEPHA-APHIRAKS : A STUDY OF READING COMPREHENSION LEVEL IN THAI LANGUAGE OF STUDENTS AT THE LOWER SECONDARY EDUCATION LEVEL EDUCATIONAL REGION ELEVEN. THESIS ADVISOR : ASSO. PROF. SAIJAI INDRAMBARAYA, 140 pp. ISBN 974-584-808-5

The purpose of this research was to study the reading comprehension level in Thai language of students at the lower secondary education level educational region eleven in extra large and large, medium, and small schools.

The sample of this research consisted of 1,080 lower secondary students in 12 schools, 3 of which were extra large and large, 6 were medium and 3 were small. All of them were under the Department of General Education, Ministry of Education, educational region eleven. They were selected by means of simple random sampling. The instrument was the Thai reading comprehension test which was constructed by the researcher. The obtained data were then calculated and analyzed by means of arithmetic mean and standard deviation.

The findings of this research were as follows :

1. The students at the lower secondary education level had the average scores in Thai reading comprehension lower than the required score of 75%.

2. The average scores of each reading comprehension level of the students in each educational level were as follows :

2.1 The average scores of the students in matayom suksa 1 from level 1 to level 3 were 16.21, 13.90 and 11.96 respectively.

2.2 The average scores of the students in matayom suksa 2 from level 1 to level 3 were 17.75, 15.36 and 13.57 respectively.

2.3 The average scores of the students in matayom suksa 3 from level 1 to level 3 were 18.24, 16.20 and 14.39 respectively.

3. The average scores of the students in each school size as follows :

3.1 The average scores of the students in extra large and large size schools from level 1 to level 3 were 18.24, 15.95 and 14.19 respectively.

3.2 The average scores of the students in medium size schools from level 1 to level 3 were 17.64, 15.42 and 13.63 respectively.

3.3 The average scores of the students in small size schools from level 1 to level 3 were 16.07, 13.82 and 11.78 respectively.