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The purposes of this study were to study the ability in using English for communication of undergraduate students majoring in English teaching in the aspects of organizational knowledge, pragmatic knowledge and metacognitive strategies and to study the ability in using English for communication of undergraduate students majoring in English teaching from each institution. The populations were 224 fourth-year students majoring in English teaching in the 1993 academic year in higher education institutions under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the University Affairs. The instrument used in this study was the test of ability in using English for communication constructed by the researcher. The appropriateness of the test content and the language used was approved by 5 experts. This test had the level of difficulty of 0.20-0.76, the power of discrimination of 0.20-0.77 and the reliability of 0.84.

The major results of the study were as follows :

1. Fourth-year students majoring in English teaching had the ability in using English for communication with the mean scores at the percentage of 54.44 which was at the moderate level. The students had the ability in metacognitive strategies the most, with the mean scores at the percentage of 58.03, organizational knowledge secondly at the percentage of 54.23 and, pragmatic knowledge the least at the percentage of 51.57 respectively.

2. According to an individual institution, Chulalongkorn University students had the mean scores of the ability in using English for communication at the rather high level. Students from Srinakharinwirot University (Bangkhen Campus) and Ramkhamhaeng University had the mean scores of the ability in using English for communication at the rather low level. Students from other institutions had the mean scores of the ability in using English for communication at the moderate level.