

CHAPTER THREE

METHODOLOGY

This chapter describes the methodology used in this study. It consists of the subjects, the materials, the procedures used in collection and analysis of the data, and the data analysis.

3.1 SUBJECTS

This research aimed to study the needs of English of the officers at the Office of the National Security Council, Thailand. The subjects will be officers at Office of the National Security Council Thailand. The total samples will be 50 officers using a random sampling technique from 6 departments as follows:

1. Intelligence Division
2. Bureau of Strategic Security
3. Bureau of Interior Security Affairs
4. Bureau of International Security Affairs
5. Bureau of Border and Defense Security Affairs
6. Bureau of Southern Border Provinces Security Affairs

3.2 MATERIALS

The research instrument in the study was a questionnaire applied from the previous study, “A survey of needs of English for theological students at Thailand Baptist Theological Seminary,” written by Captain Vipada Poonsakvorasan. The questionnaire was divided into two main parts consisting of:

Part One: Demographic Information of the Respondents

This part will contain seven questions asking for personal information of the samples: gender, age, education background, current position, and English knowledge.

Part two: Information asking for needs of studying English.

There will be six questions asking for the needs of studying English of the officers at the Office of the National Security Council Thailand.

A Likert scale was used in the questionnaire in order to find the level of needs.

3.3 PROCEDURES

The questionnaire from previous related research was adjusted in order to make it more appropriate for officers at the Office of the National Security Thailand by changing and eliminating some items that were irrelevant. After adjusting, the questionnaire was translated into Thai. The questionnaires were distributed to 50 officers by using an accidental sampling technique. Finally, 50 completed questionnaires were decoded and analyzed to find out the result.

3.4 DATA ANALYSIS

The SPSS/PC program was used to compute means, standard deviations, and some statistical test of the collected data as follows:

3.4.1 The subjects' general background and some parts of part two were analyzed by using percentiles.

3.4.2 A five point Likert Scale was used to score the level of the needs in studying English.

3.4.3 Weighted Scores were used to rank the respondents' needs concerning English skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing.