

ABSTRACT

The purposes of this study are to study the differences of phonological features between Thai and English and to use the findings to identify English pronunciation problems of Thai people. From the study, research and studies show that the pronunciation problems of Thai people are caused by the differences of the phonological features between English and Thai in both segmental and suprasegmental aspects.

There are three main parts that Thai people have difficulties with which are some consonants, stress and intonation. All of them give problems to Thai speakers of English because they do not occur in Thai. Most of the time, Thai people pronounce those English words by substituting Thai phonological features when pronouncing English words and sentences.

Therefore, this study shows that it is very important for English teachers to realize what the problems of the students are when they communicate with other speakers of English, why students pronounce the English words or sentences the way they do, and how to help them to pronounce intelligibly.