

ABSTRACT

This research study investigated the students' opportunities to use English in real life situations, the contexts, the frequencies of each skill they used and the attitudes towards using English in various real life situations. The subjects of this study were 119 degree students of General Management Program at Rajamangala University of Technology (Chakrabongse Bhuvanath Campus) in 2006 academic year. The instrument used was a questionnaire. The data was analyzed using statistical method in SPSS version 11.5. The results showed that the students rarely have opportunities to use speaking skill. They found difficulties to talk with foreigners or tourists in Thailand who speak English or interact with them through internet. The skills they use the most are listening and reading which are receptive skills. They use these skills through various kinds of media in English like songs, cable TV, western movies and magazines even though the frequency was not high. For writing, they rarely write in English in daily life. However most of them showed positive attitudes towards using English for the real communication.