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The purpose of this study was to study and compare the compound words in Standard Thai and Northern Thai Dialect on their origins, functions, structures, and lexical meanings.

The results of the analysis of compound words in Standard Thai and Northern Thai Dialect with the samples of 867 words found as follows:

In terms of origins, in Standard Thai words the words that originates from Standard Thai words were mostly found with 79.12% (686 out of 867). In Northern Thai Dialect compound words, the words originates from Northern Thai Dialect were mostly found with 89.85% (779 out of 867).

Regarding functions, verb-compound words were mostly found with 46.82 % (406 out of 867) in Standard Thai and 40.48% (351 out of 867) in Northern Thai Dialect respectively.

With regard to structures, in the Standard Thai compound words two-syllable compound words were mostly found with 63.6% (552 out of 867). In Northern Thai Dialect compound words, four-syllable compound words were mostly found, with 62.40% (541 out of 867).

Finally, in terms of lexical meanings, the feature was mostly found was the meaning that is totally different from the original word's accounting for 63.44% (550 out of 867). In Northern Thai Dialect compound word's the meaning that keeps the same meaning as the meaning word's was mostly found with 94.00% (815 out of 867).

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