

Duangtepin Khankrua 2011: A Study of Variation in the Use of Verbs Related to Cutting in the Thai-Southern Dialect of Surat Thani Amphoe Khian Sa among Amphoe Khian Sa Surat Thani Informants of Three Generations. Master of Arts (Applied Linguistics), Major Field: Applied Linguistics, Department of Linguistics. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Wipakorn Wongthai, M.A. 95 pages.

The purpose of this study is to study the use of cutting terms in Amphoe Khian Sa Surat Thani dialect by three age groups of informants and the forms of language usage. Sample of the study consisted of 120 informants in Amphoe Khian Sa Surat Thani, divided into three age groups of 40 informants. The data were collected through questionnaire. Analyses of data were performed with percentage.

The study results revealed that the first age group in Amphoe Khian Sa Surat Thani still used Surat Thani dialect 78 % which is more than other age groups. The second age group in Amphoe Khian Sa Surat Thani still used Surat Thani dialect 66.35 % but still less than the first age group. The third age group in Amphoe Khian Sa Surat Thani used Surat Thani dialect 50.08 % which is least by the influence of the Bangkok Thai language and the influence of mass media they are familiar with.

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