

ABSTRACT

In Thailand, the English language plays an important role not only in education but also in career advancement. Learning English is not easy for many Thai learners due to several reasons including the differences between Thai and English grammar, especially the tense system. Therefore, the researcher would like to investigate Thai learners' use of the tense with a special focus on the past tense in the Thai context. The study includes 22 Thai EFL learners from an immersion course at Assumption University, the study is conducted to help the researcher find out what make Thai EFL learners commit errors when they use the past tense in spoken language.

The findings show that the Thai EFL learners use the present tense instead of the past tense particular simple present tense which is used in the most places when they narrate past events. The dominant reasons that make Thai EFL learners commit errors when they use the past tense in spoken English could be due to the subjects' first language.