



### **Jeff Netto's impressive Thai language timeline on twitter...**

I followed Jeff's twitter challenge from the beginning. And from the start of the 6 week challenge Jeff stayed at the top of the pack.

But what really interested me was his pattern of study and how he switched the focus. He'll write for a bit, watch a video on YouTube, study vocabulary, and then perhaps get back to writing.

Jeff's twitter timeline for the entire six week challenge is below. It makes for a long read but if your aim is to see exactly how it can be done, then this it is.

A bit of relevant chatter has been included just because.

At the very bottom of the tweets are the many Thai resources Jeff used.

NOTE: As mentioned, in addition to Thai Jeff studied additional languages, but only the Thai tweets are noted below.

### **Jeff's six week Thai language challenge on twitter...**

Jeff: I just joined the 6 weeks challenge in combination with my Thai Challenge!

@6WCBot Less than 10hs left to 6WC it is time to prepare a study plan!

@6WCBot First approaches: The Alphabet, Greeting Exprs., Intro to Lang. History and Culture, and Ling. Connections of Thai with Other Langs

### **MAY 1, Sunday**

**Study time: 297 min (4 hours 45+ min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Writing\_(Alphabet) #62min

@6WCBot #Thai #Thai\_Ling #70min

@6WCBot #Thai #YouTube #20min

@6WCBot #Thai #TY #35min

@6WCBot #Thai #YouTube #10min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocab #60min

@6WCBot #Thai #Alphabet #40min

### **MAY 2, Monday**

**Study time: 370 min (6 hours 10 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #YouTube #30min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocab #30min

@6WCBot #Thai #Listening #10min

@6WCBot #Thai #Listening #45min

@6WCBot #Thai #Writing\_ABC #60min

@6WCBot #Thai #Chat #65min

@6WCBot #Thai #Chat 20 min

@6WCBot #Thai #Chat 55min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocab 10min

@6WCBot #Thai #Writing\_ABC 35min

@6WCBot #Thai #Phonetics 10min

### **MAY 3, Tuesday**

**Study time: 30 min**

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 30 min

### **MAY 4, Wednesday**

**Study time: 363 min (6 hours)**

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI audio files 75min (half of the time I heard while on the road)

@6WCBot #Thai #Phonology 58min FSI Thai Phonology

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI audio 20min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI audio 30min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 180min

@fuerte\_viento Thanks! It has been a little hard to keep up the study time since I'm working more than 10 hours a day!

### **MAY 5, Thursday**

**Study time: 125 min (2 hours)**

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 80min

@6WCBot ..think about all the time you spend walking, driving, eating, which could be accompanied by an audio lesson!

@6WCBot Even the quick breaks between one thing and another when you can write a couple lines or read a couple lines in your target lang!

@6WCBot And for the extremists, there is always that less fruitful time between midnight and seven in the morning!! :)

### **MAY 6, Friday**

**Study time: 369 min (6 hours 3min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 95min

@6WCBot #Thai #Radio 15min

@6WCBot #Thai #Grammar 62min

@6WCBot #Thai #Dialog 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #Radio 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #Survival\_phrases 62min

@fuerte\_viento (I don't like sleeping, that's why I don't consider "more" fruitful or fruitful at all. It has always been a need, not a want)

@fuerte\_viento Plus, I'm totally a night owl!! :)

### **MAY 7, Saturday**

**Study time: 115 min (1 hour 55 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 60min

@6WCBot #Thai #Movie 55min (50% of 100 min long "Ong Bak" w/ Eng Sub, Awesome movie!!!)

@6WCBot I'm going on a 24 hours Survival Training, so there won't be update from me for the next full day. Keep it up guys!

@6WCBot OF COURSE I'll have my Thai book on me. I haven't lost my mind!

**MAY 8, Sunday**

**Study time: 551 min (9 hours 11 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 127min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 68min

@6WCBot #Thai #Drills 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary 35min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary 40min

@6WCBot #Thai #YouTube 20min

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 71min

@6WCBot #Thai #Grammar 145min

**MAY 9, Monday**

**Study time: 288.5 min (4 hours 48 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Thai\_Ling 120min It is amazing how similar Thai is to Chinese!! (Linguistically speaking) (reposting for correction)

@6WCBot #Thai #Thai\_Ling 30min

@6WCBot #Thai #Movie 48.5min (50% of 97min of "Ong Bak 2")

@6WCBot #Thai #Thai\_Ling 70min

@6WCBot #Thai #YouTube 20min

**MAY 10, Tuesday**

**Study time: 425 min (7 hours)**

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 120min

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 60min

@6WCBot #Thai #Radio 90min ("Virgin Radio" on iPod. It is great!)

@6WCBot #Thai #Radio 60min (quick correction: the name of the

radio is "Virgin Hits")

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 65min

@6WCBot #Thai #Phonetics 30min

### **MAY 11, Wednesday**

**Study time: 270 min (4 hours 30 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Survival\_phrases 75min

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 90min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 85min

@6WCBot #Thai #Reading 20min

### **MAY 12, Thursday**

**Study time: 140 min (2 hours 20 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 65min

@6WCBot #Thai #Survival\_phrases 75min

Hey guys, I'm looking for a Thai study partner, anybody interested?

### **MAY 13, Friday**

**Study time: 90 min (1 hour 30 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Survival\_phrases 90min

### **MAY 14, Saturday**

**Study time: 140 min (2 hours 20 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 75min

@6WCBot #Thai #Survival\_phrases 65min

@6WCBot Taking the challenge to a different setting: YouTube - Broadcast Yourself. [link]

@6WCBot 6 Weeks Challenge update: YouTube - Broadcast Yourself. [link]

### **MAY 15 Sunday**

**Study time: 136 min (2 hours 16 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 40min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 56min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 40min

**MAY 17 Tuesday**

**Study time: 310 min (5 hours 10 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 140min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 95min

@6WCBot #Thai #Survival\_phrases 75min

**MAY 18 Wednesday**

**Study time: 207 min (3 hours 27 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast 35min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 52min

@6WCBot #Thai #Absorb 75min

**MAY 20 Friday**

**Study time: 217 min (3 hours 37 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Phonology 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 75min

@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast 25min

@6WCBot #Thai #Radio 25min

@6WCBot #Thai #YouTube 7min

@6WCBot #Thai #FSI 40min

**MAY 21 Saturday**

**Study time: 215 min (3 hours 35 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #VOA 60min

@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast 75min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 25min

@6WCBot #Thai #YouTube 10min

**MAY 22, Sunday**

**Study time: 220 min (3 hours 40 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary 60min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary 90min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Flashcards 70min

**MAY 24, Tuesday**

**Study time: 125 min (2 hours)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Flashcards 75min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast 5min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Visual\_Dictionary 45min

**MAY 25, Wednesday**

**Study time: 678 min (11 hours 18 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Movie 50min out of 100 (Chai Lai Angels)  
@6WCBot #Thai #YouTube 10min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Movie 45min of 90 (Ong Bak 3)  
@6WCBot #Thai #Grammar 45min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast 150min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Reading 35min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary 90min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast 65min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary 50min  
@6WCBot #Thai #TY 58min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Flashcards 35min

**MAY 26, Thursday**

**Study time: 155 min (2 hours 36 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Listening 35min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Multiple 120min

**MAY 27, Friday**

**Study time: 113 min (1 hour 48 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Survival\_phrases 65min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing 48min

**MAY 28, Saturday**

**Study time: 200 min (3 hours 18 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing 200min

### **MAY 29, Sunday**

**Study time: 230 min (3 hours 50 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing 90min

@6WCBot #Thai #Typing 50min

@6WCBot I watched the #Movie "Khan Kluai" in #Thai with my kids.( 90min no subs) Awesome animation! Better than a lot of movies by Disney!

### **MAY 30, Monday**

**Study time: 230 min (3 hours 50 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Rosetta 90min

@6WCBot #Thai #Rosetta 20min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary 20min

@6WCBot #Thai #Movie 100min (2 sub.ed movies )

@6WCBot I'm so stupid! I forgot I had an old version of Rosetta Stone Thai! Well, I guess I better catch up. :)

@6WCBot Another week starting, and this time there won't be any other language other than Thai!!!! (so I hope... :) )

### **MAY 31, Tuesday**

**Study time: 397 min (6 hours 37 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Rosetta 150min

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 90min

@6WCBot I watched the #Movie "Ong Bak2" again last night. #Thai with subs. It doesn't seem to get old! ( 45min )

@6WCBot #Thai #Rosetta 67min

@6WCBot #Thai #Grammar 45min

### **June 1, Wednesday**

**Study time: 605 min (10 hours)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing 75min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary 30min

@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast 20min



@6WCBot #Thai #YouTube 10min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast a little over 60min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing 75min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_Word 30min  
@6WCBot #Thai #In-flight 35min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_Word 60min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_Word 150min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Rosetta 60min

@6WCBot I just got a whole bunch of new material for Thai! That will keep me motivated for the next two weeks fr sure!

@6WCBot The Living Languages-Spoken World Thai course appears to be over better than the Teach Yourself course!!

@6WCBot \*I meant: "overall better"

@6WCBot Rosetta Stone seems to be very ineffective for Thai!  
Well, let me rephrase that: Rosetta Stone is a great flashcard software (only)!!

## **June 2, Thursday**

**Study time: 547 min (9 hours 7 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Writing (from Spoken World) 30min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary (from Rosetta Stone and Spoken World) 90min  
@6WCBot #Thai #In\_flight 7min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Listening (from Spoken World) 20min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast 45min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Survival\_phrases 30min  
@6WCBot #Thai #TY (audio) 40min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing 45min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_Word (audio) 65min (very effective!!)  
@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast (with some writing) 30min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_Word (Writing and Shadowing) 40min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_Word (audio) 25min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_Word 20min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Rosetta 30min  
@6WCBot #Thai #L-Lingo (recommended by @WomenLearnThai )  
15min -The Rosetta Stone company better watch out! Other soft.s are beating them!  
@6WCBot #Thai #L\_Lingo 15min

@6WCBot Enough of writing. It is time to go to work! That means listening and shadowing while working! :)

@6WCBot "You know when you are a language nerd when..." You have a CD player in the bathroom with a lang CD in it an still take your iPod.

@6WCBot If you are thinking about trying Rosetta Stone, forget it. L-Lingo has everything RS has plus language insights and grammar hints.

### **JUNE 3, Friday**

**Study time: 658 min (10 hours 58 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai News clip on #YouTube 15min

@6WCBot #Thai #ThaiPod101 on YouTube 10min (the verb videos are awesome!)

@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_World (listening and vocabulary) 30min

@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_World 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #Multiple (ThaiPod101, TY, Thai Podcast, YouTube, flashcards, vocabulary) 120min

@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing (from Spoken World) 60min

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary (flashcards, writing and typing) 60min

@6WCBot #Thai #Writing (copying the article: "รายการเดิน" from BBC Thai replacing the number with number symbols) 75min

@6WCBot Walking home for 15min #Shadowing #Thaifrom Spoken World.

@6WCBot #Thai #Vocabulary through flashcards 30min

@6WCBot #Thai #L\_Lingo 40min

@6WCBot #Thai #Anki 30min the program kicked me out! It probably got tired of my mistakes!

@6WCBot #Thai #Anki 30min - After over an h o u r only 17 cards done. Anki plays rough!!

@6WCBot #Thai #Writing from Spoken World 40min

@6WCBot #Thai #Typing from Spoken World 58min

@6WCBot Just the audio files for ThaiPod101, Thai Podcast, TYT, Spoken World, In Flight, Survival Phrases and whatever else I find online.

@6WCBot I've come to the conclusion that it is IMPOSSIBLE to start learning Thai without audio files for everything you are studying!!

@terryfrd Yes! I slow down too. Sometimes it is very frustrating to hear a sound and, though you try hard, it does sound like the original

@terryfrd The ones that are similar to Mandarin are easier for me, but the remaining not at all! Could you share the methods you used?

@WomenLearnThai When I was studying Mandarin, I focused on isolated words, and then I had a hard time using different tones together...

@WomenLearnThai ...So now I'm focusing on learning then as they come with the words in context, basically ignoring the fact there are tones.

@WomenLearnThai What is getting to me is the speed they talk! If it wouldn't be for the fact that I thought the same about Eng. I'd give up!

@6WCBot With Anki (Thai) I learned two things: 1st, the program rocks!!! 2nd, I suck!! - @AnyaPop Thanks for the hints! It is working.

@6WCBot I don't understand why there are 2 Thai keyboards for Win and 1 for iPod, and all 3 of them are pretty different from each other!

@6WCBot To make mistakes humbles us. Anki is definitely showing me that!

@WomenLearnThai @terryfrd @bangkok Which keyboard is more common in Thailand: Kedmanee or Pattachote? (for Windows)

## **JUNE 4, Saturday**

**Study time: 200 min (3 hours 20 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Radio Virgin Hits 15min

@6WCBot #Thai #Listening from Spoken World 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing from Spoken World 35min

@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast 30min

@6WCBot #Thai #Writing 15min

@6WCBot #Thai #Survival\_phrases 30min

@6WCBot #Thai #TY 30min

@WomenLearnThai @thai101 ok. And thanks for quoting the article it is very clear!! I'm glad K. is the most common because I'm already using!

## **JUNE 5, Sunday**

**Study time: 548 min (9 hours 8 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast on YouTube 25min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Writing (copying another article from BBC Thai)  
45min Gosh, it takes forever!  
@6WCBot #Thai #Multiple 50min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_World 158min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Listening from Spoken World 45min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Writing from Spoken World 15min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing 60min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Podcast (listening and shadowing) 70min  
@6WCBot #Thai #VOA reading and listening (really trying to match  
both!) 40min  
@6WCBot #Thai #VOA 30-20= 10min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Anki 30min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Writing and Translation 180min

@WomenLearnThai The "Ong Bak" series, "Khan Kluai" ("the blue  
elephant" I'm not sure I spelled it right in Thai). "Chocolate" is OKish  
@6WCBot Does anybody know any website in Thai that has text and  
audio for news articles? @ThailandVoice @WomenLearnThai  
@terryfrd @thai101

## **JUNE 6, Monday**

**Study time: 158 min (2 hours 36 min)**

@6WCBot I watched the #Movie "Khan Kluay 2" and other little  
cartoons in #Thai with my daughter. (no subs) 113min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Translation 45min

## **JUNE 7, Tuesday**

**Study time: 310 min (5 hours 6 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_World 125min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Learn\_Thai\_podcast 35min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Radio VOA 60min  
@6WCBot #Thai #Shadowing 90min

FROM: @thaipodcast Hi Jeff, we would like to support your challenge  
and give you a free subscription to our course.

@thaipodcast Wow, thanks a lot guys! I really appreciate that. I like

your work and it will be awesome to have access to the whole thing!

@6WCBot Last week for the "6 Weeks Challenge", and the scenario is going to change a bit for me...

@6WCBot ...now the journey is on the "learn-Thai-podcast" website in their premium course! Thanks Rhonda and Jay for the support!

### **JUNE 8, Wednesday**

**Study time: 333 min (5 hours 33 min)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Learn\_Thai\_podcast iPod and online 128min

@6WCBot wow crazy day! 2 hours 33 minutes on buses to get my car #Thai #Spoken\_World (reading and studying grammar)...

@6WCBot ... then, on the way back: 45min of #Thai #Listening (podcasts and survival phrases)...

@6WCBot The vocabulary trainer (for the old database) at #Learn\_Thai\_podcast #Thai is awesome!! 40min

@6WCBot @thaipodcast I just watched the convers. video with people talking about being overweight.. That was original and really funny!

@6WCBot But I'm glad I'm home and have been studying with #Learn\_Thai\_podcast on my iPod for the last 2 hours and now the website! #Thai

### **JUNE 9, Thursday**

**Study time: 360 min (6 hours)**

@6WCBot #Thai #Writing (for vocab from Learn\_Thai\_podcast and Spoken World) 2 hours

@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_World 30min

@6WCBot #Thai #Learn\_Thai\_podcast 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #Spoken\_World 45min

@6WCBot #Thai #Flashcards 2 hours

@6WCBot @thaipodcast I always had second thoughts about online podcast courses, but Learn-Thai-Podcast has been proving me very wrong!!

**Jeff Netto's Thai language learning resources...**

To keep a running tally in the Language Challenge stats, Jeff's used tags in his tweets. Most are easy to figure out. For instance, TY is Teach Yourself Thai, FSI is the Foreign Service Institute's free online language course, Thai\_Ling is Thai linguistics, etc.

I've put the resources Jeff used along with the explanations of his tags.

[Learn Thai Podcast](#)  
[L-lingo Thai](#)

[Spoken Word Thai](#)  
[Teach Yourself Thai](#)

[FSI Thai Course](#)  
[Thai Language Wiki](#)

[Rosetta Stone Thai](#)  
[In-flight Thai](#)  
[ThaiPod101](#)  
[Anki](#)

[Pocket Thai Dictionary: Thai-English English-Thai](#)  
[Lonely Planet Thai phrasebook](#)  
The Book of Mormon in Thai  
Visual Dictionary: [Picture dictionary Thai](#)

Virgin Radio HITZ  
Website: [becteroradio.com](http://becteroradio.com)  
Listen via your browser: [listen.becteroradio.com/hitz](http://listen.becteroradio.com/hitz)  
Listen via your iPhone: [virginradioth](http://virginradioth)

[VOA](#) (Voice of America)  
[BBC Thai](#)

Wikipedia: [Phonology](#)  
Thai\_Ling: [Wikipedia Thai Language](#)  
Alphabet: [Slice of Thai Flashcards](#)  
Grammar: [Thai Essential Grammar](#)

Ong Bak 1: [YouTube Trailer](#)

Ong Bak 1: [ethaicd.com](http://ethaicd.com)

Ong Bak 2: [YouTube Trailer](#)

Ong Bak 2: [ethaicd.com](http://ethaicd.com)

Ong Bak 3: [YouTube Trailer](#)

Ong Bak 3: [ethaicd.com](http://ethaicd.com)

Chai Lai Angels: [YouTube Trailer](#)

Khan Kluai: [Full movie on YouTube](#)

Khan Kluai: [ethaicd.com](http://ethaicd.com)

Chocolate: [YouTube](#)

Chocolate: [ethaicd.com](http://ethaicd.com)

Survival Phrases: A combination of videos found on YouTube.

Reading: The Bible, The Book of Mormon, BBC Thai, and whatever else around.

Absorb: A passive method where you listen to radio or podcasts over and over until you either start to infer word meanings or you capture word clusters to look up.

Typing: Whatever was handy.

Dialog: Stopped using this tag.

Vocab: Mostly from “Learn-Thai-Podcast”, dictionaries (paper and digital), iPod apps, and flashcards software like “L-Lingo” and “Anki”.

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For more, read the full post at: [UPDATE: Jeff Netto's Thai Challenge](#)

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Women Learning Thai... and some men too ;-)