

Thai Language Connectors: Starter Pack

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Opening Connectors for Thai learners: Without Transliteration...

As mentioned in the first post of the series, Thai Language Connectors: Starter Pack, Opening Connectors are responses to questions - they give you breathing time to mentally form answers.

Anthony Lauder: When you are asked a question, it can put you on the spot. Your mind can go blank, and soon you don't know how to even start answering. Opening connectors are really useful for getting the first few words out of your mouth ("breaking the silence") while you settle down to give the real answer to the question.

Included in Anthony's 100 Language Connectors mentioned in his Starter Pack there were four Opening Connectors: "Thank you heartily", "That is such a good question", "That is a difficult question", and "Once upon a time, long ago...". In this post we'll complete the set from his spreadsheet.

Note: For various reasons, not all of the phrases from Anthony's list have been translated into Thai.

Opening Connectors...

I must first say that...

ก่อนอื่น ผม/ฉันต้องบอกก่อนว่า...

I will be talking for about ten minutes.

ผม/ฉันจะใช้เวลาพูดประมาณสิบนาที

I'll start with... and afterwards move on to...

ผม/ฉันจะเริ่มจาก... จากนั้นก็จะพูดถึง...

The reason why I am here is...
เหตุผลที่ผม/ฉันมาพูดให้คุณฟังวันนี้ก็คือ...

Note: Literal meaning: "The reason why I came to speak to you today is..."

Today we shall look at...
วันนี้ เราจะมาดูเรื่อง...

Today's topic is...
หัวข้อที่เราจะคุยกันวันนี้คือ...

Today I will be talking about...
วันนี้ ผม/ฉันจะมาพูดเกี่ยวกับ...

I know that there isn't time to spare, so I'd better make a start.
ผม/ฉันรู้ว่าเรามีเวลาไม่มาก เพราะฉะนั้นผม/ฉันขอเริ่มเลยก็แล้วกัน

I'd like to start with a general overview and after focus on...
ขอเริ่มพูดถึงภาพรวมคร่าวๆก่อนแล้วค่อยเจาะลึกรายละเอียด...

Note: Literal meaning: "Let me start with an rough overview and then, go into the details later."

Downloads: Opening Connectors...

Thai Language Opening Connectors (with transliteration): Pdf 327kb
Thai Language Opening Connectors (without transliteration): Pdf 327kb
Thai Language Opening Connectors: Audio (Male) 848kb
Thai Language Opening Connectors: Audio (Female) 686kb
Thai Language Opening Connectors: Audio (Female-singles) 603kb

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More Thai Language Connectors...

Coming up in this series will be the rest of the: Filler Connectors, Apologising Connectors, Qualifying Connectors, Agreeing and Disagreeing Connectors, Elaborating Connectors, Quoting Connectors, Switching Connectors, Closing Connectors and Passing Connectors (in that order).

Cheers! Catherine & Yuki

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