

Thai-Time: Thai Sentence Expansion Drills: Transliteration...

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The idea for this brief post came from Aaron Myers' handy [Language Learning Tip: Sentence Expansion Drills](#) (see his post for further explanation). For sure, it's a quick way to increase your Thai skills!

How It Works: You can do sentence expansion drills in a lot of different ways. The simplest is to just have these sorts of conversations with yourself about the things you see around you. You could also do this drill on paper. Another great way to do these sorts of drills is to do them with a native speaker.

Using this method, below are sample sentences. Added words have been underlined. See [original post on WLT](#) for the audio files and pdf (without transliteration) downloads.

ฉันไปโรงเรียน

chǎn bpai rohng rian

I go to school.

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-1.mp3

ฉันชอบไปโรงเรียน

chǎn chòp bpai rohng rian

I like going to school.

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-2.mp3

ฉันชอบไปเรียนที่โรงเรียน

chăn chòp bpai rian têe rohng rian

I like going to study at school.

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-3.mp3

ฉันชอบไปเรียนภาษาไทยที่โรงเรียน

chăn chòp bpai rian paa-săa tai têe rohng rian

I like going to study Thai at school

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-4.mp3

ฉันชอบขี่จักรยานไปเรียนภาษาไทยที่โรงเรียน

chăn chòp kèe jàk-grà-yaan bpai rian paa-săa tai têe rohng rian

I like riding a bicycle to go to study Thai at school.

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-5.mp3

ฉันกับเพื่อนชอบขี่จักรยานไปเรียนภาษาไทยที่โรงเรียน

chăn gáp pèuan chòp kèe jàk-grà-yaan bpai rian paa-săa tai têe rohng rian

My friend and I like riding bicycles to go to study Thai at school.

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-6.mp3

ฉันกับเพื่อนคนจีนชอบขี่จักรยานไปเรียนภาษาไทยที่โรงเรียน

chăn gáp pèuan kon jeen chòp kèe jàk-grà-yaan bpai rian paa-săa tai têe rohng rian

My Chinese friend and I like riding bicycles to go to study Thai at school.

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-7.mp3

ฉันกับเพื่อนคนจีนชอบขี่จักรยานไปเรียนภาษาไทยที่โรงเรียนทุกเช้า

chăn gáp pèuan kon jeen chòp kèe jàk-grà-yaan bpai rian paa-săa tai têe rohng rian túk cháo

My Chinese friend and I like riding bicycles to go to study Thai at school every morning.

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-8.mp3

ฉันกับเพื่อนคนจีนชอบขี่จักรยานไปเรียนภาษาไทยที่โรงเรียนทุกเช้าวันเสาร์อาทิตย์

chăn gáp pèuan kon jeen chòp kèe jàk-grà-yaan bpai rian paa-săa tai têe rohng rian túk cháo wan sǎo aa-tít

My Chinese friend and I like riding bicycles to go to study Thai at school every Saturday and Sunday morning.

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-9.mp3

ฉันกับเพื่อนคนจีนไม่ชอบขี่จักรยานไปเรียนภาษาไทยที่โรงเรียนทุกเช้าวันเสาร์อาทิตย์

chăn gáp pêu-an kon jeen mâi chóp kèe jàk-grà-yaan bpai rian paa-sǎa tai tée rohng rian túk cháo wan sǎo aa-tít

My Chinese friend and I don't like riding bicycles to go to study Thai at school every Saturday and Sunday morning.

Audio: thai-time-sentence-expansion-10.mp3

NOTE: The transliteration is from T2E - it's not perfect.

Tips and rules...

1. Thai is an SVO language; the word order is subject-verb-object.
2. In Thai, adjectives come after nouns, e.g. เพื่อนคนจีน (friend human-China) “a Chinese friend”.
3. When using multiple verbs in one sentence, you can often just “stack” them up without using any connector, e.g. ฉันชอบไปเรียน (I like go study) “I like to go to study”.
4. When doing sentence expansion drill in Thai, it's easier start from the core components first (nouns & verbs) and then use descriptive words such as adjectives and adverbs (time, place & manner) to expand sentences.

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My book on reading Thai fast: Read Thai in 10 Days

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