

The Title of the research

Using "Movement Technique" to Develop Grade 1 Students' Reading and Writing Skills

Research Background

I observed that some students were not able to meet the Thai language reading and writing requirements.

Out of concern for my students, I tried to find a new technique to help them improved their reading and writing. I divided the research into four main steps.

1. Established the level of reading and writing abilities of Thai language in my classroom.

2. Developed the Movement Technique to improve the students' abilities of reading and writing Thai language.



4. Evaluated the students' ability to read and write Thai language following the implementation of the Movement Technique.

Research question:

Could the Movement Technique help my students to improve their abilities to read and write Thai language?

Conceptual Framework

The purpose of this research was to help Grade 1 students improve their abilities to read and write Thai language using the Movement Technique

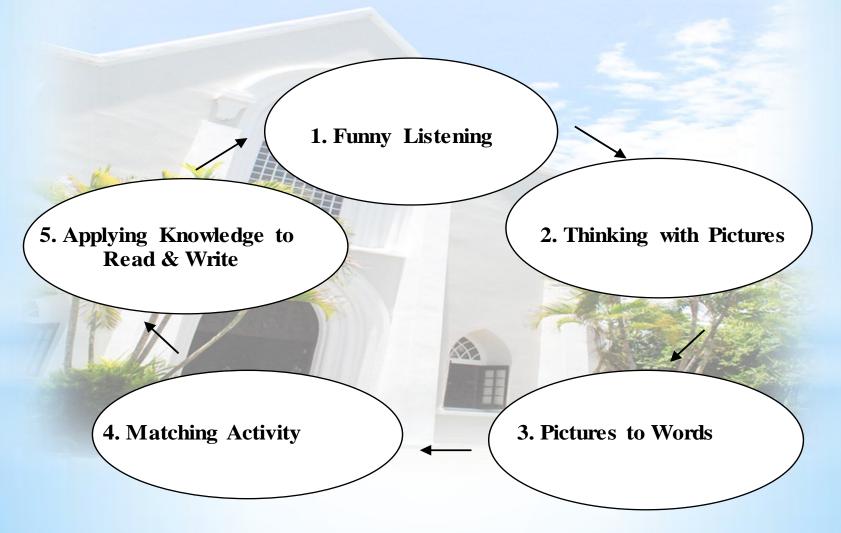
Research purpose:

To helped students improve their abilities to read and write Thai language.





5 steps of the Movement Technique



Individual Outcomes of the Movement Technique

1. Funny Listening Students were engaged and increasing comprehension levels.

2. Thinking with Pictures

Students' verbal memory and critical thinking skills were developed as they remembered the vocabulary.

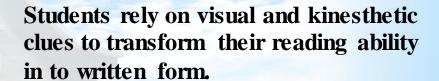
3. Pictures to Words

Students engaged in verbal and written word association.

4. Word picture matching

Students engaged in critical thinking and explored kinesthetic learning in a fun, socially rewarding way.

5. Applying Knowledge to Read and Write







Research Methodology

The study group of this research was 38 grade 1 students in classroom 1/10 at The Prince Royal's College Chiang Mai, Thailand during the year 2009.

The research instruments are:

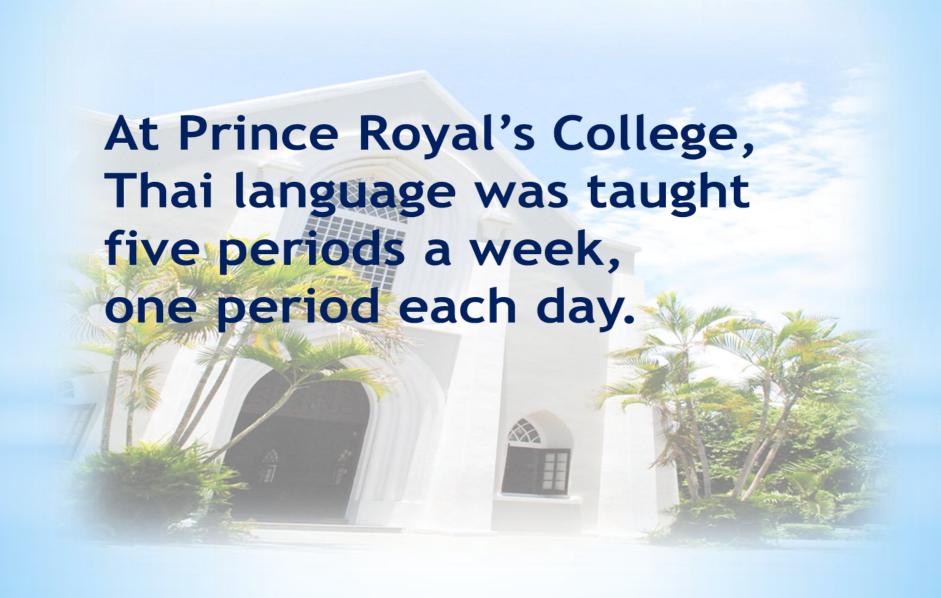
1. The Movement Technique

2. Thai language reading and writing pre-post test.

3. The behavior observation while using Movement Technique.

4. The exercises of Thai language reading and writing





1st period

Students listened and read alone.

2nd period

Students listened and read together.

3rd period

Students listened, read and spelled.

4th period Students read together, spelled and learned Thai grammar.

5th period Students read together and learned Thai grammar.

Research Results

The results showed that all of the students who participated in this study case were able to improve their abilities to read and write Thai language.

The differences of pre and posttest scores proved that the Movement Technique was an effective way to develop the reading and writing abilities of Grade 1 students.

Conclusion



Graph 1

The results of the Thai reading pre and post test scores



Table 1 The results of Thai reading pre and post test scores.

Level and rubrics	pre test		post test		different
	sum	percent	sum	percent	unterent
Level 5 Excellent (90-100 words)					
	24	63.16	31	81.58	up 7
Level 4 Good (80-89 words)			-		
	4	10.53	1	2.63	down 3
Level 3 Satisfactory (70-79 words)					
	2	5.26	3	7.89	up 1
Level 2 Fair (50-69 words)		-			
	3	7.89	2	5.26	down 1
Level 1 Needs Improvement				Way III	
(lower than 50 words)	5	13.16	1	2.63	down 4
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Total	38	100.00	38	100.00	





Graph 2

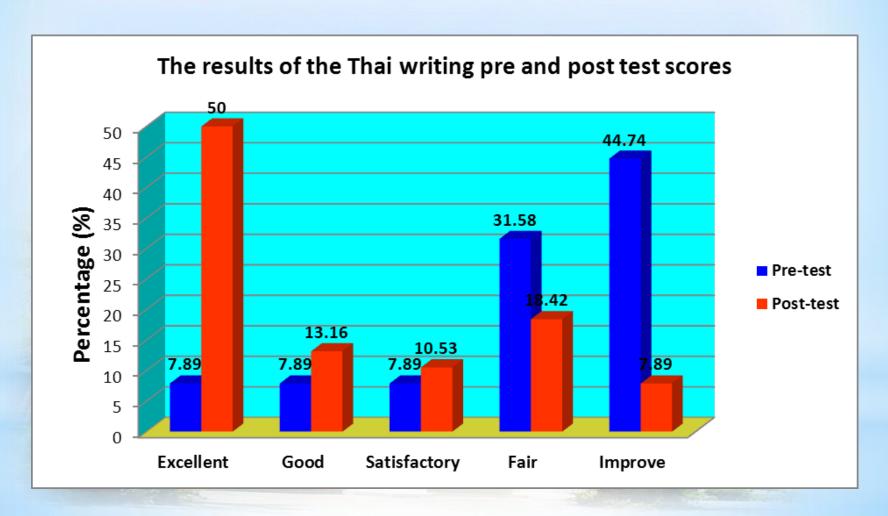


Table 2 The results of Thai writing pre and post test scores.

Level and rubrics	pre test		post test		different
	sum	percent	sum	percent	3
Level 5 Excellent (90-100 words)	3	7.89	19	50.0	up 16
Level 4 Good (80-89 words)	3	7.89	5	13.16	up 2
Level 3 Satisfactory (70-79 words)	3	7.89	4	10.53	up 1
Level 2 Fair (50-69 words)	12	31.58	7	18.42	down 5
Level 1 Needs Improvement (lower than 50words)	17	44.74	3	7.89	down 14
Total	38	100.00	38	100.00	

Recommendations

1. The Movement Technique should be adapted to teach in other classrooms for Grade 1 through 3.

2. The Movement Technique should be used with the small groups of students, especially those in the lower ability levels.

3. The Movement Technique could be adapted to teach in other subjects like Social study or History.

Teachers change pictures and words to any that were relevant to the subject being taught.



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