



# ฉัน พูด ภาษาไทย

## Chǎn Pôod Pa-Sǎ Thai

### DO YOU KNOW?

- Standard Thai is composed of several **distinct registers**, forms for different social contexts: Street Thai , Formal Thai, Rhetorical Thai, Religious Thai, Royal Thai.
- Thai is **mutually intelligible** with Lao, whereas the Isaan dialect is almost the same.
- **Tone markers** are placed above the consonant just before the vowel sound of the syllable.
- Thai word order is **subject-verb-object**, although the subject is often omitted
- Thai pronouns are selected according to the **gender and relative status** of speaker and audience.
- There is **no morphological distinction** between adverbs and adjectives in Thai.

### USEFUL PHRASES

ผมเสียใจ

phohm siia jai  
*I'm sorry*

สบายดีหรือ

sa baai dee reuu  
*How are you?*

คุณอายุเท่าไร

khoon aa yoo thao rai  
*How old are you?*

ยังไม่รู้

yang mai ruu  
*I don't know yet*

พูดภาษาไทยได้ไหมครับ

phuut phaa saa thai dai  
mai khrap  
*Can you speak Thai?*

*Language is the dress of thought*

-Samuel Johnson