

**30 LESSONS
FOR LEARN TO
READ THAI
IN COLOR**



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1/ SHOULD WE LEARN TO READ

Why learn to read ?

Learning to read is a real plus in learning Thai.

You will be able to know the exact tone of each word and therefore progress faster. Spelling is also important, such as differentiating short and long vowels, because these small differences can completely change the meaning of a word.

Thai is read and written from left to right, and the vowels are placed around the consonants. There are no periods, commas or any other punctuation marks. Reading Thai is difficult for a foreigner because some letters can change their sound or others are not written.

There is no conjugation, no gender and no number. All words are invariable, but can complement each other to form another. The letters are not linked together, and the spaces are used only to separate the sentences.

As you know, in Thailand, prices can change depending on who you are. Below is a posted example that I met in Bangkok. At first glance, the price seems simply translated to simplify reading to foreigners. But on closer inspection, you realize that the price is not the same.

Price displayed : **๘๐บาท** 100 Bahts

Price translate : (80 bahts) (100 bahts)

100 bahts is written **๑๐๐บาท** or **ร้อยบาท**
100baht or **roybaht**

2/ THE TRANSLATION SYSTEM

The translation system in this book has been designed to be as simple as possible. Thai letters are translated into phonetics using a color system.

อักษรไทย akson thai Thai alphabet

Reading order of colors of words in Thai

- 1 First letter
- 2 Second letter
- 3 Third letter
- 4 Fourth letter
- 5 Fifth letter
- 6 Sixth letter
- 7 Seventh letter
- 8 Eighth letter
- 9 Ninth letter
- Etc...

Some vowels are placed before the consonant, so always follow the order of the colors.

ไก่ kai chicken

Sentence translation order

Sentence in thai

Sentence in thai phonetic

(sentence)(translate)(word)(by)(word)

Sentence in English