

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to survey the needs of English of officers who work at the Office of the National Security Council Thailand in order to improve and create effective English courses.

The data were collected by means of questionnaires. The total number of subjects was 50 officers of the Office of the National Security Council Thailand selected by using a random sampling technique.

The data were analyzed and interpreted by using descriptive statistics. Respondents' opinions were represented by percentages and means.

From the study, it was found out that most respondents needed to study English and they needed to improve their listening and speaking skills rather than reading and writing skills. They needed to practice daily conversations in order to improve their listening and speaking skills. For reading skills, reading for main ideas needs to be improved. In the area of writing, they thought that taking notes from lectures should be practiced. The dialogue practice, language games and singing English songs were activities they prefer doing in class and they wanted to do the activities in groups. The Communicative English course which has been offered by the NSC which focuses on English for daily life was interesting to them. The amount of time preferred for English study is 2 hours per day and 3 days per week. They wanted the instructor to use English in class but being able to use Thai was required of them. They prefer studying with a VDO or VCD and the interesting topics for them were about politics, history and tourism.

The finding of this paper is useful for the organization. It can be a guideline to improve English courses for officers in the future.