

Thai and Lao speakers

Vowels

May be nasalized after

ʊ (book)	confused with u: (boot)
ɑ: (heart)	confused with ʌ (cup)
æ (man)	common error ɑ: (heart) or pronounced as a long vowel
ɔ: (tall)	common error e
əʊ (phone)	common error ɒ (clock) or ɔ: (ball)
eə (chair)	common error eɑ: (they are)
ɔɪ (boy)	have a different quality
aɪ (fine)	
aʊ (house)	

Consonants

Great difficulty with groups of consonants especially finally where one or more may be dropped. may be substituted for other final sounds.

l (letter)	confused with r
(ball)	common error n in final position
θ (thin)	common error s or t
ð (feather)	common error d, t or s
v	confused with w or p or pronounced b in the middle of a word
r	common error l
z	common error s
ʒ (television)	common error z or t finally
dʒ (jam)	common error tʃ (cherry) or dz
g	may be pronounced k in final position
d	may be pronounced t finally
f	common error p in final position
tʃ (cherry)	pronounced t finally
ʃ (shoe)	common error tʃ (cherry) or s (t finally)

Intonation

An area of difficulty. All intonation exercises will be useful.

Stress

Sounds staccato. Final syllable may be stressed.
Joining words exercises useful.