Common problems of Thai-English

* Pronunciation-

**r**/l r🡪l really

**v**/w v🡪w very

**th**

**t**/d t🡪d but

**ch**/sh ch🡪sh chair

**s** missing the ‘s’ sound off plurals 5 cats

“He is really very good but not at seeing the cats sitting on chairs”

* Tones-

Comput**er** 🡪 Computeeeeeeerrrrr (The final syllable is too long)

* Contractions-

I’ll🡪 can not be used to answer **a question**. You must say “I will.” Will you go to the cinema tonight? I will (not I’ll)

* Verbs-

The basic verb tenses are wrong. Present/past/future

Past 🡪 I went to the cinema

Present 🡪 I go (I am going)

Future 🡪 I will go

Incomplete continuous forms (**I going** to the cinema🡪I **am** going to the cinema

* Phrases-

Good morning teacher. How are you? I’m fine thank you and you? (too robotic)

“No have”🡪I don’t have it

“Same same, but different” 🡪 “It’s similar. It’s a little bit different”

* Other-

Incorrect verb usage.

I play the internet 🡪I use the internet

I open the computer 🡪I turn on the computer

I open the light🡪I turn on the light