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ABSTRACT

Classroom interactions are believed to play an important role in teaching and learning process. It is generally accepted that classroom interaction can determine the success of teaching and learning process and improve students' language ability. This study aims to find the types of classroom interaction pattern applied by a Thai English teacher in an EYL classroom, show the dominant pattern applied, and reveal the impacts of applying the classroom interaction patterns applied to the EYL teaching and learning.

The descriptive qualitative method was used in this study. The data were gained through classroom observation and semi-structured interview involving a Thai English teacher and 42 students in class 5/2 elementary school at Suansanti school, Bangkok. The researcher used video recording, as the data collecting technique. To analyze the data, this study adapted Miles's et al., (2014) procedures including data condensation, data display, and conclusion.

The results indicate that there were five classroom interaction patterns applied by the Thai English teacher. Three dominant patterns applied were choral responses (36.52%), teacher talk (27.54%), and close-ended teacher questioning (26.96%). However, this study found the least dominant patterns applied by the Thai English teacher, namely open-ended teacher questioning (1.20%), individual work (7.78%), and no patterns such as group work, collaboration, students initiates-teacher answers, full-class interaction, and self-access. Additionally, the classroom interaction patterns applied by the Thai English teacher pointed both positive and negative impacts on English for young learner teaching and learning. The positive impacts include building a sense of comfort and belonging, promoting students' motivation, and enhancing social development, while the negative impact is associated with passive participation.

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