

## **THAI speakers**

### **English as an additional language (EAL) developmental features:**

#### **Grammatical differences**

- Omission of prepositions e.g. "...I go school..."
- Omission of plural 's' e.g. "...I saw lots of bird..." (Quantitative adjectives/nouns used instead)
- No verb tenses e.g. "...I play football yesterday..." (Adverbs of time indicate tense)
- Adjectives come after the noun e.g. "...cat black..."
- Auxillary verb is omitted e.g. "...I not like that cake..."
- Omission of definite/indefinite article e.g. "...she give me sweet..."

#### **Script features and differences**

- Thai writing runs from left to right.
- No equivalent of capital letters.
- No spaces between words in sentences.
- No fullstops are used; a new sentence is denoted by a gap.