

Part 2 : Long Turn (The Eating Habits of Thai People)

The test taker can keep going comprehensibly although there are noticeable pauses as she searches for language and ideas. For example, when talking about how eating habits have changed she says

You are what you eat but Thai are what they eat simple .. urrrr don't care, don't care about health so much but now is different because there are so many campaign from the government, from the health ministry to to organize so many campaign to change behavior..

Despite this hesitancy, she develops her responses well enough to be followed without difficulty most of the time. However, her use of signal words is occasionally confusing. For example, she starts one sentence with the words "**In the bad way....**" which leads the listener to expect negative examples of eating habits but then she goes onto describe what foreign tourists like about Thai food.

She uses a range of basic structures but for the most part only in simple, short sentences. Occasionally **but** and **and** are used as connecting devices. Where she expands on her ideas, she has a tendency to repeat one of two conjunctions, either **because** or **so**. There is very little evidence of linking clauses. She does occasionally attempt some more complex sentences but usually with errors. In terms of lexical range she produces a range of appropriate vocabulary for the task including a number of adjectives to describe food. For example, she talks about **organic food, fresh food, healthy food** and **street food**. She also uses the word **ingredients** and talks about **health campaigns**.

While her pronunciation is intelligible, a foreign accent is evident. For example she frequently misses final consonants such as the "s" in **nowadays** and **programmes** and the 'sh' in **fresh** is an example of this. She also has difficulty producing **l** and **r** sounds so the word **royal** sounds like **loyal** when she is talking about campaigns to promote Thai cuisine being endorsed by the royal family. Grammatical errors related to structures are noticeable but do not affect communication. There is some incorrect use of prepositions. For example, she says **in TV** and **promote about** Thai cuisine. In terms of lexical accuracy, there are some examples of incorrect word choice such as **senior society** instead of **aging society** or population.

To sum up, even though there are lexical and grammatical inaccuracies and some mispronunciation, the test taker is reasonably fluent and her delivery coherent. In addition she produces a range of appropriate vocabulary. Therefore she is awarded a B1+ overall.