WORDS AND MEANS OF WORD FORMATION IN VIETNAMESE

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The ‘word’ is a deceptively simple concept that has always attracted particular attention from linguists across the world. J. Peytard and E. Genouvrier remarked: “No where can we find a more vague concept ... We use it everyday, but surprisingly we cannot arrive at a shared definition for it” The author of this article tries to determines a set of criteria that may help define ‘word’ in Vietnamese and then proceeds to analyze different means of word formation that are Vietnamese-specific.

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