

Abstracts

A Study of ‘Word-formation Meaning’ Patterns Based on Nouns Ending in the Suffix –(er)ei in German

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The purpose of this research was to find different patterns of word-formation meaning of German nouns ending in –(er)ei. These patterns, despite being not very productive at the present time, are of great importance for understanding the meanings of words in a diverse range of derived words. The data and initial research findings of this study were in line with German references on the issue. Secondary findings constitute the results of the present research. Choosing any of the varieties of –ei and –erei depends on the last phoneme of the verbal or nominal stem. Nouns ending in the suffix –(er)ei benefit from different patterns of word-formation meaning, for instance, action nouns, consequence nouns, locative nouns and collective nouns. Each case may contain one or more patterns of the word-formation meaning. In addition to the original meaning, action nouns may also be used for a pejorative connotation.

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