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Word obscuring: Changes of word meanings and dictionary composition



“Words” are spoken or written tools to convey one’s ideas and considered the smallest linguistic units containing their own meanings. Some Thai words have today sounds, meanings, and functions that are different from those of the past. Some words seem to be meaningless unless they are allocated with other words, but in the past these words could be used alone and as a result their original meanings can still be traced. Case-studies of Thai words used in different periods can be determined by evaluating etymology and terminology. Such studies can reveal changes in the orthographic systems, meanings, and socio-cultural contexts reflected through the written language.

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