## Abstract

The study of disyllabic and polysyllabic words is regarded as one of the important subjects in research of the Chinese vocabulary and the basic project in the research of Chinese language history, which can vividly demonstrate their constructing situation in specified historical period. Shi Ji is one of the valuable materials on Chinese vocabulary in Han Dynasty , an in-depth study of which may contributes to a detailed understanding of characteristics of disyllabic and polysyllabic words in Han Dynasty and a clear display of laws of Chinese vocabulary.

Without a general criterion on identification of disyllabic and polysyllabic words in academic circle, this paper consults the achievements of predecessors and current research results and makes an exhaustive extraction of those words in Shi Ji by analyzing vocabularies one by one, sorting out and making a statistical computing of them. Then, on base of that, the paper categorizes those words into several structural modes, counting the respective sum of each and every percentage share of the total, as well as the relative proportions among them.

The paper is divided into four chapters. The first part reviews the current study of the disyllabic and polysyllabic words, and introduces the basic knowledge of Shi Ji and its linguistic value, as well as putting forward the study aim and research methods of the essay. On base of the review of previous studies, the second part aims at setting up a criterion of distinguishing the disyllabic and polysyllabic words in Shi Ji. The third one thoroughly studies the constructive characteristics of each kind, and makes a static description of them from the aspects of acceptation, part of speech, word order. Based on the quantitative analysis and the adoption of the achievements of predecessors (including all kinds of works and papers of this area), the fourth part makes a comparation of the constructing conditions of those words used in Shi Ji in Han with those in other literatures in Xian Qin, in order to conclude the succession and development of the usage of disyllabic and polysyllabic words in Shi Ji .

In the end of the paper, a word list of disyllabic and polysyllabic words in SHI JI is attached only for your reference.



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