

PRAGMATIC WORD ORDERING IN BOUYEI

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This paper presents the word order variation of Bouyei language in comparison with Thai, its genetically related language, and Chinese, the language which is used along with the Bouyei language.

It supports the claim made by other cross-linguistic studies that the semantic and pragmatic relations, i.e., the information structure, are primarily the main determinants of word order variation rather than grammatical relations such as subject, direct object, and indirect object.

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