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Morpheme

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Definition

Morpheme is the smallest unit of grammatical meaning, which may consist of a single word

(play) or part of a word (ending ed in the word played) that cannot be divided into smaller grammatical units.

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