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Since 'Rajasap' or Thai royal vocabularies are the special level of Thai language, the previous studies about 'Rajasap' are mostly concerned with its usage. However, there is no one studying 'Rajasap' as the linguistic forms reflecting the honorific system. Addressing this gap, this paper aims to analyze Thai royal vocabularies as reflecting the honorific system and analyze their word formation by thoroughly looking at first-person pronouns, second-person pronouns and responding particles in 'Rajasap'. Firstly, this paper argued that first-person pronouns and second-person pronouns are the referent honorifics while responding particles are the addressee honorifics. Secondly, These linguistic forms are composed of the word 'Buddha', 'head' and 'feet'. All of these vocabularies are the syntacticized forms which the literal meanings of these vocabularies have not been conscious by Thai speakers anymore.

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