

***En un mot* : quel type d'expression métadiscursive ?**

En un mot: what sort of metadiscursive expression?

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Abstract: The aim of this paper is to study the French metadiscursive expression *en un mot*. We first focus on this locution out of context by showing its métalinguistic density and diachronic evolution. We then study the configurations *Pn. En un mot q* and *xn en un mot z* in context, revealing their properties, especially the fuzzy naming involved by using the second form.

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