

Linguistics D: Class 4 Is the language static or dynamic?

1 Research project

Q.1 Discuss the difference between ‘results’ and ‘discussion’.

Q.2 Discuss the differences between language comparisons and language contrast.

2 Theoretical aspect: Is the language static or dynamic?

Q.3 Discuss what the meaning of ‘cellular’ is. And discuss that of “keitai” in Japanese as well.

Q.4 Give us an example to say long words short.

Q.5 Why does language have the two types of description in a long and a short?

Q.6 We have been dealing with some examples in only nouns. Discuss whether the same phenomena are true to verbs and adjectives.

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Q.8 How long does language take to change itself? Discuss it with some examples.

3 Mathematical aspect: Co-occurrence pattern

Q.9 Tokenize a sentence into words and find out the combinations of any two words found in the sentence.

Q.10 Discuss what the combination of any two words will look like in a graph.

Q.11 The figure drawn in the graph causes a hair-ball effect. Discuss how to get rid of this.

Q.12 Discuss the applications of graph figures drawn with co-occurrence patterns.

4 Topic of the day: Language is interactive

Q.13 Discuss which is easier to talk between “one-way speaking” and “speaking such as a chat.”

Q.14 Discuss how to speak differently when talking to a large number of people and when talking to individuals.

5 Sentence structure of Japanese: Modality

Q.15 There are some forms of language that don't say clearly, like *darō*(I wonder), *yōda* (look like), *sōda* (I heard that..), *rashi* (it would be..), and so on. Discuss the differences in usage between them.

Q.16 Discuss whether the modality is necessary for the language or whether you use it frequently.

6 Further exercises

Q.17 Find some articles relating to today's questions/topics in textbooks your instructor introduced, and describe the name of the book, the number of pages, the title of the article, and your opinion.

7 Homework

Q.18 Access the web page from the QR code and answer the questions (deadline: today).

References

Homework submission

