

## 「英語からみた日本語」

キーワード：世界の言語からみた日本語、類型論、自動詞が多い日本語、他動詞が多い英語、  
「なる」的表現が多い日本語、「する」的表現の英語、主語の省略、敬語

### Session1 Verb : Transitive and Intransitive Verb Pairs, Naru vs. Suru

#### 1. Typology in terms of Morphological (形態論) Features by August von Schlegel(1767-1845)

Three main linguistic types: Inflectional/Analytic, Isolating and Agglutinative/Agglutinating.

##### 1.1 Inflectional Language 「屈折言語」 Latin, Greek and Arabic

Grammatical Relations like subject and object are expressed by changing the internal structure of the words.

e.g. Latin the -o ending in *amo* 'I love' expresses the first person, singular, present tense, active and indicative.

##### 1.2 Analytic Language Type 「分析的言語」 English

English is one of **inflectional language type** although not typical. English is in fact more similar to an **isolating language** 「孤立語」 like Chinese than Latin: there are few inflectional endings, and word-order changes are the basis of the grammar.

##### 1.3 Isolating Language 「孤立語」 Chinese, Vietnamese

- a) No inflection, all the words are invariable :
- b) Grammatical Relations like subject and object are shown through Word Order.

##### 1.4 Agglutinative/Agglutinating Language 「膠着語」 Japanese, Korean, Turkish, Finnish

###### Swahili

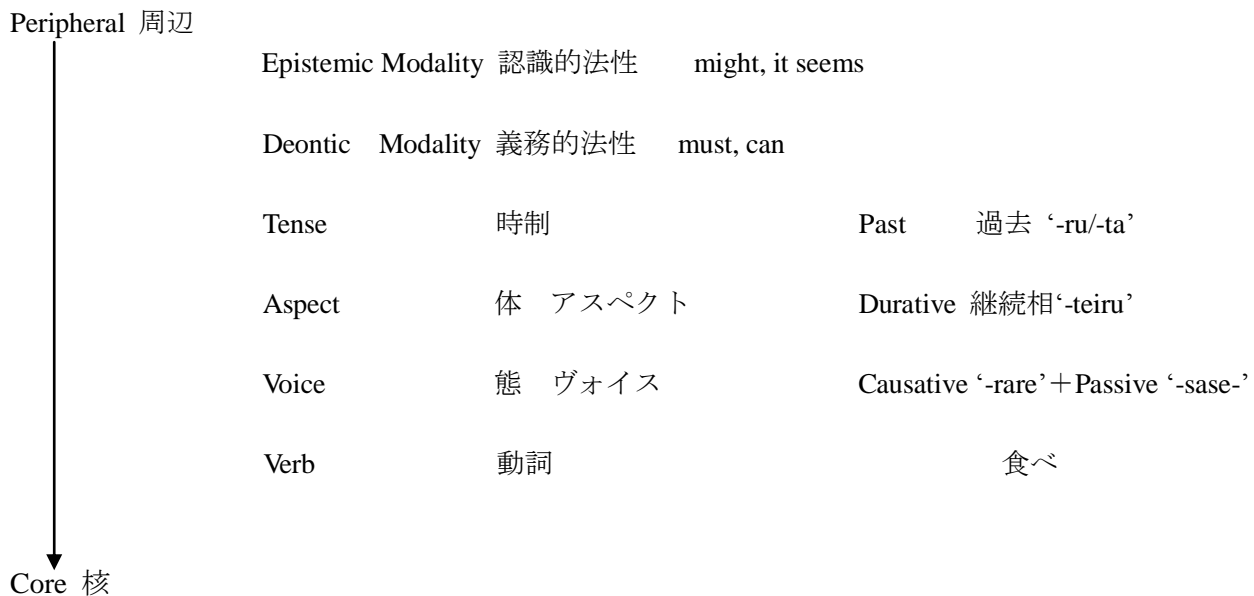
Words are built up out of a long sequence of units(affixes 接辞, especially suffixes 接尾辞) with each unit expressing a particular grammatical meaning, in a clear one-to-one way.

e.g.	tabe	-sase	-rare	-tei	-nakka	-ta
	語幹 stem	causative	passive	progressive	negative	past

-rasii	-desu	-yo	-ne.
mood of hearsay	mood of honorification	mood of conveying new information	mood of confirmation

## 2. Universal Hierarchy of Grammatical Categories of Verbs

The following hierarchy is reflected on morphological alignment and word order.



## 3. Causative/Inchoative Alternations 使役起動交替

- a. Transitive Verb (Causative 使役, change of state)

John broke my computer.

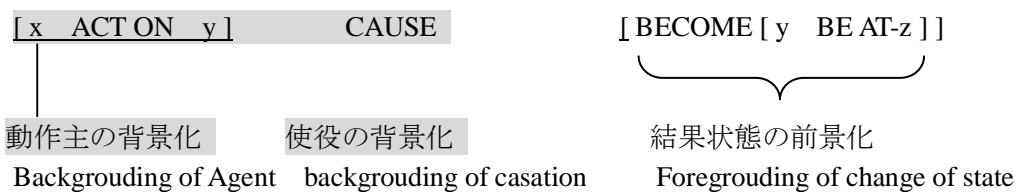
太郎は私のパソコンを kowa-si-ta.

- b. Intransitive Verb (Inchoative 起動, change of state)

My computer broke.

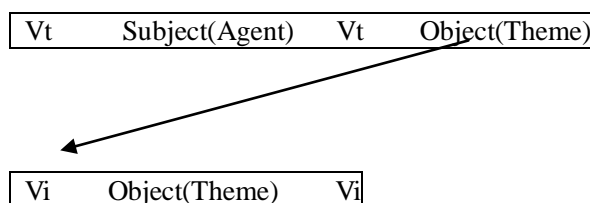
私のパソコンは kowa-re-ta.

- c. Decausativization/detransitivization



x, y, z are variables, x=agent, y=theme(the entity which undergoes a change of state), z=resultative state

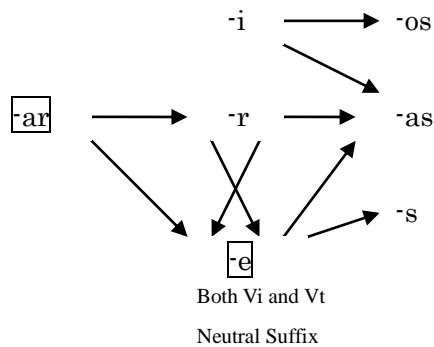
- d. Causative/Inchoative Alternation



#### 4. Ergative Verbs in English vs Transitive/Intransitive Pairs in Japanese

##### 4.1. Suffixes 接尾辞 of Vt 他動詞 and Vi 自動詞 in Japanese

Vi suffix                      vs.                      Vt suffix  
Decausativization        vs.                      Causativization



##### 4.2 Vt '-e' vs Vi '-ar': '-ar'は、「ある」由来、日本語で他動詞から自動詞を作るスーパーマン 英語では、'-ar'自動詞に対応する自動詞がなく、受身になることが多い。

e.g. 決-e-ru→決 m-ar-u

rise / raise	ag-ar-u/ ag-e-ru
become improved/ improve	aratam-ar-u/ aratam-e-ru
gather	atum-ar-u/ atum-e-ru
begin	hazim-ar-u/ hazim-e-ru
spread out	hirog-ar-u/ hirog-e-ru
spread	hirom-ar-u/ hirom-e-ru
change	kaw-ar-u/ ka-e-ru
become decided/decide	kim-ar-u/ kim-e-ru
take shape/ put into order	matom-ar-u/ matom-e-ru
end	ow-ar-u/ o-e-ru

(1) a. They put me into the lowest Kanji class.

b. Watashi-wa ichiban shita-no Kanji class-ni hait-ta.  
I -top the lowest to enter

(2) a.

b. ??私は、ALT(Assistant Language Teacher)で、成田の高校に決められました。

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