ABSTRACT

This study aims to determine the description of the conjunction as well as differences in the meaning and the use of words with suffix sei and teki using top-down method, comparison method, and switching method. In general, the difficulty in learning the Japanese language characters due to kanji. Kanji can be joined with other kanji or hiragana letters and produce new words with different meaning. Because of these character, prefix and suffix kanji become object of many studies conducted by many researchers. There are suffixes that have similar meanings, one of which is a suffix that states human character such as sei and teki. The conclusion is that the word which express human character and have the suffix sei belong to nouns, whereas the word which express human character and have the suffix teki belong to na adjective. Then, when the word with suffix sei translated into Indonesian, it will become the word with suffix [-tas] and affix [ke-an] which express abstract noun implying to human character. Meanwhile, when the word suffix teki translated in Indonesian, it will become the word with suffix [-if], [-al], [-tis], [-ik], [-us] which express 'associated with' and the prefix [me-] and [ber-] which means 'become' or 'having a character/personality' showing that the words referred to human character.

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