

ABSTRACT

During the development of children language acquisition, outgrowth of ability to produce many sounds will be going on until the children can be express many words. The children acquiring their own phonetically system as same as possible with adult language according to create their own syllable structure. That syllable structure will be change when they have a better phonological knowledge for harmonizing it with the real adult words. This condition causes the differences between infant children language with adult language.

Youjigo is the manner of speaking that used by Japanese children when they were in early of their language development ages. In their research, Ogura et al (1997) said that *youjigo* words like *manma*, *wan-wan*, etc. was take from adult language that applying a phonemic change. In the manner of *youjigo*, children does many kinds of simplification, sounds reduplication, or use onomatopoeia for expressing some words. These proses will be held from 1 until 3 years old.

This research is to examine *youjigo* according to phonemic change and simplification by means of phonological process and the structure of Mora in each word. In this research, the comics of *Akachan to Boku* volume 1 and 2 which written by Ragawa Marimo is used as the primary object.

There are 4 kinds of theory that use in this research, such as the theory of Japanese Phonetics, Japanese Mora and Syllable, *Youjigo* with the theory of phonological process, and the theory of Contras and Process. The theory of Japanese Phonetics is used to analyze the words which have a phonemic change and then analyze the mora structure with using the theory of Japanese Mora and Syllable. The theory of Contras and Process is used to give countenance to analyze about phonemic change in *youjigo* words.

From analysis, this research concludes that there are 19 kinds of *youjigo* words which applied phonemic change. The change is consisting of abbreviation of syllable, abbreviation the first consonant of words, consonant assimilation, consonant alteration, last consonant deletion, and also nasal consonant addition in the middle of words.

Key words: *youjigo*, phonological process, phonemic chance, mora structure.