

ABSTRACT

In Japanese, kanji is one of the most influential factors in linguistic problems. Different with alphabets, each kanji characters not only stating sounding or pronunciation, but also stating certain meaning in each character. Among many numbers of kanji, some kanji have meanings that state characteristics of a person. Those kanji are *ya* and *mono*. If we see it from how the word has formed, both kanji always appear in the end of the words or usually called suffix. Whereas the word that follows them are usually from the verbs, nouns, *-na* adjectives and *-i* adjectives class that changed into verbs.

In this research, the theory that used is the kanji forming theory that has 6 fundamentals of forming which usually called *rikusho*, and theory about meanings, especially the types of meanings. The *rikusho* theory is used to analyze the meanings in *ya* and also *mono* kanji with respect to their functions as suffix kanji that states certain characteristics of a person. As the meanings theory is used to analyze the meaning alterations that happen in *ya* and *mono* kanji in accordance to the type of meanings from both kanji.

From the forming, *ya* and *mono* kanji basically don't have meanings that states characteristics of a person. In *ya* kanji, the meaning that states a person's characteristics appear because of meaning alterations, from concrete to abstract and from visual imaging to feelings imaging. Whereas in *mono* kanji, meaning that states a person's characteristics appear because of the using of the kanji doesn't correspond to the real meaning or the original meanings contained in it, so accordance to the using, the kanji lost its original meaning, this thing then called *shakuyougi*. From the using, *mono* kanji tends to be used to states characteristic of a person in a negative way, as *ya* kanji is more neutral.

The using of suffix kanji *ya* and *mono* is often seen in speaking and writing languages. Hopefully this research can be some knowledge especially for those who study Japanese to understand the meanings and functions of suffix kanji *ya* and *mono*.

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