

## DIFFERENT CLIPPING WORDS IN THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE

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Initialism, acronym, abbreviations, clippings, derivation, backformation and blends are the various types of shortened forms of language. Japanese language is one of the richest languages with shortened words and there is an exclusive use of shortened words when speaking and writing. Therefore the prime purpose of this research is to study the various clipped words in Japanese language and to categorize those words according to the way how the words have been clipped. Clipping refers to the creation of new words by shortening the existing word. In linguistics, clipping is the word formation process which consists in the reduction of a word to one of its parts (Marchand: 1969). Clipping is also known as "truncation" or "shortening." Japanese language use clipped words by omitting the first part of the word, middle part of the word and the final part of the word. According to Masayoshi Shibatani (1990), three types of clipped words are, omission of last part of the word (e.g. sutoraiki > suto - strike), omission of middle part and first part of the word (e.g. hamu ando eggu > hamu eggu – ham and eggs), (e.g. puratto fōmu > fōmu – flat form) and omission of one or two letters of a compound word (e.g. gakusei waribiki > gakuwari –student discount). According to Mark Irwin (2007) loan word in Japanese language also undergo a variety of truncation process including fore- clipping (e.g. wanisu > nisu - varnish) mid clipping (e.g. moruhine > mohi - morphine) and black clipping (e.g. chokorēto > choko -chocolate). Hence loan words in Japanese language undergo various truncation processes. This research was focused on only the loan words in Japanese language. The prime purpose of this research is to identify the formation of Japanese clipping words while categorizing these words into various categories. This Research leads to an expansion of knowledge of Japanese language learners about various Japanese clipping words and their formation.

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