

# 日本語の構造

LING 563 / JAPN 563 • Fall 2011

## Structure of Japanese

*Linguistics students!* Explore the structure of a non-Indo-European language!  
*Japanese language students!* Learn to look at Japanese from a linguistic perspective!

### Phonology, phonetics, and the writing system

What are the sounds of Japanese? How is the language written?

### Morphology, syntax, and semantics

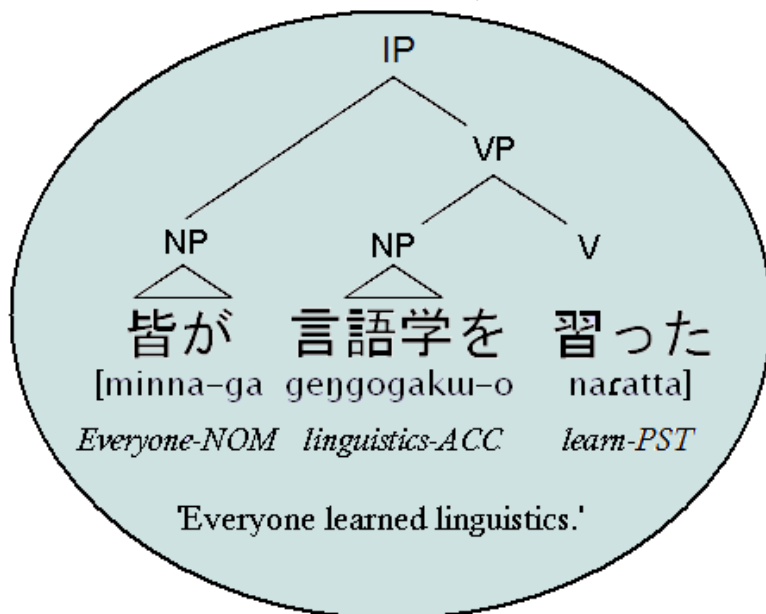
What is the structure of words and sentences? How does structure relate to meaning?

### Historical linguistics, dialect differences, and sociolinguistics

What is the history of the Japanese language? How do the modern dialects differ?  
How do factors like age, gender, status, and politeness affect language use?

#### We will work from:

- **Overview articles** introducing linguistic characteristics of Japanese
- **Primary research articles** exploring the implications of Japanese for linguistic theory and Universal Grammar
- **Hands-on analysis** of Japanese language data — some of which you will **collect yourself** from online materials and other sources



#### Prerequisites:

- **Linguistics 101** (Introduction to Language)
- *OR* **Japanese 102** (Elementary Japanese II)
- *OR* permission of instructor

TuTh 2:00-3:15, Dey 304  
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For more information, see the course web site:

<http://www.unc.edu/~jlsmith/ling563.html>

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