

Research Paper

The meanings of Japanese language usage
of children growing up outside Japan
How they confront Japanese language

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Abstract

This study attempts to reveal how children growing up outside Japan have been using Japanese language, based on their narratives. Their narratives disclosed how the quality of their language use experience with other people affects their Japanese learning and their way of life. To them, the quality of language use is on how they use Japanese language with a real feeling in the relationships with others. Therefore, it is important that we should make a class room where they can express their real feelings or thoughts themselves, and accept each other with genuine feeling through Japanese language.

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