

## ABSTRACT

One language is different from others because of its unique properties such as formation of words, phrases, clauses and sentence patterns and so on. These unique items sometimes form an obstacle for the native speakers of the language to study other languages.

I think that Maibrat students face difficulty in studying English because there are some differences between English and Maibrat. One point that I chose to describe in this thesis is the syntactic structures of the Maibrat language. But because of the limitation of my linguistic competence, so I just describe about the patterns of the simple sentences which include statements, questions and commands. I also take a glance at the morphological patterns ( agreements of verbs and persons, verbs and genders ), and the phonemes existing in Maibrat.

The objective of the research is mainly to provide a prelim description of the syntactic structures of the Maibrat language which could be used for further researches. The description of the syntactic structures itself is meant to present how the patterns of simple sentences ( statements, questions, commands ) work.

The tagmemic model which was formerly introduced by Kenneth L. Pike is used in the analysis of the simple sentences of the language. Cook ( 1969, pp. 13 - 22 ) says that the unit in the tagmemic analysis is a combination of function and form, not just function as in the traditional grammar. The tagmemic analysis also cuts an utterance simultaneously into all of its functional parts. Cook calls this cutting of utterances as the " mapping of string-type construction ".