

Clauses in the Sundanese Language

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Abstract

This study explores the clauses in Sundanese. The word Sundanese can refer to a tribe, culture, or a language in Indonesia. This study relates to the word Sundanese as a language. The Sundanese language is one of the biggest numbers of speaker among the local languages in Indonesia. It is the second rank after Javanese language as the biggest number of the speakers. Sundanese language as one of the Austronesian languages is different from English as the West Germanic languages. The aims of this study are to figure out the types of clauses and the pattern of clauses found in the Sundanese language compared to English language. The method applied in this research is descriptive method. In terms of predicates, there are two types of clauses; verbal clauses and nonverbal clauses in Sundanese language. Relating to the data, the clauses in Sundanese language, predicates do not always contain of a verb since it could contain of other open classes. The verbal clauses, similar to English language do always contain of verb while the nonverbal clauses could contain of adjectival, nominal, or adverbial as the predicate.

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Introduction

Sundanese language or Bahasa Sunda or Basa Sunda is one of the local languages in Indonesia. Indonesia is an island country with thirty four provinces and it has around seven hundreds local language. According to Crystal (1990) and Sobarna (2007) in Sujatna (2017), there are 13 high ranks of local languages related to the number of the speakers; the number is above one million speakers and the big three are Javanese language (75.2 million), Sundanese language (27 million), and Malay (20 million).

The word Sundanese can refer to language, culture, or even tribe. This article tries to figure out the word Sundanese that refers to language. As one of local languages in Indonesia, Sundanese language is also classified into Austronesian languages. Since Sundanese is one of Austronesian languages, Sundanese language is different from English as one of Germanic languages.

Relating to Ethnologue, 21st February 2017, there are around 7,099 living languages worldwide —a net increase of 2 living languages since the 19th edition was published one