Ne-attachment (Ne-tuke) 
on the Truncated Sentences *

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“For Adriana on her 60th birthday: A girl playing ‘For Elise’ with a Pearl Broach”

Children at around the age of two produce the main declarative in a non-finite form or Root Infinitives (RI) and Root Infinitive Analogues (RIAs). They are elegantly explained by Truncation Hypothesis (Rizzi 1993/1994), but there is apparently counter-evidence to the hypothesis. That is, very young children learning Japanese produce the sentence-ending discourse particles at the stage of RIAs. In this paper, we focus on Japanese and argue that (i) discourse particles are not T/C-elements in both child and adult Japanese, and (ii) the descriptive findings of Japanese acquisition rather supports the Truncation Hypothesis.

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