The expressions of demanding confirmation
‘JANAIKA’
-Analyzing the natural conversation of Japanese native speakers using the data of “Josee no kotoba” and “Dansee no kotoba”-

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The authors previously analyzed ‘JANAIKA’ in the utterance of Japanese learners and conversation of a Japanese learner and native speakers. This paper demonstrates how ‘JANAIKA’ is used in conversation of Japanese native speakers. It aims to clarify the mechanism of Japanese learners’ usage of ‘JANAIKA’ and the function of ‘JANAIKA’ in discourse through analyzing three types of data, such as the utterance of Japanese learners, conversation of a Japanese learner and native speakers, and conversation of Japanese native speakers.

It is revealed that (1) speakers have a tendency to keep their turn and continue speaking after using ‘JANAIKA’ and (2) some patterns can be seen after ‘JANAIKA’ in conversation of Japanese native speakers. These features were also confirmed in the utterance of Japanese learners and conversation of a Japanese learner and native speakers. It points out the possibility that Japanese learners use ‘JANAIKA’ to keep their turn under the influence of input from native speakers.

It can be said that such studies which integrate the SLA research and discourse analysis like this is seemingly meaningful.