

ABSTRACT

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This work deals with the process of constructing Toba Batak comparative degrees of adjectives, a speck of the grammar of the ethnic language.

The method of study applied to obtain the data is library research and then compare it to the spoken forms by the educated style or standard variety and in the common everyday speech.

The findings of the research and the educated speech on one side and the common everyday speech fall into two categories, that is, that common everyday speech is affected by free variation, and, on the other side, by following the so-called standard variation. This happens since in the common everyday speech of the native speakers, they use their language without ever giving an extra thought to it much like they do breathing. Speakers tend to imitate one another without being aware that the speech one is copying is also convoluted.

In closing, this work attempts to put free variations into their correct forms based on phonological processes that lead to natural use of the comparative degree in the language concerned.