

Abstract

The “ba” construction is very special in Mandarin. In Minnan language of Min (Fujian) dialect, the “ka⁷” construction corresponds to the Mandarin “ba” construction. However, the syntax structure and semantic aspects of the “ka⁷” construction and the “ba” construction are not exactly the same. This study compares the similarities and differences between the “ba” construction and the “ka⁷” construction. It also compares the “ka⁷” construction and the “jiang / ba V” construction of modern Chinese. Furthermore, it identifies the errors made by Minnan-speaking students studying the “ba” construction, and proposes appropriate teaching methods and strategies.

