

- **Word class**
- **Using the BCCWJ *Syoonagon* corpus**

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*Background:*

- *Handout: Word classes in Japanese*

# 0. Today's plan

- Word classes
- The BCCWJ *Syoonagon* corpus
- Trying it out

# 1. Word classes

- Handout - [Word classes in Japanese](#)
- Some points for discussion:
  - Is there a difference between V and A?
  - Is there a difference between N, AN, and A?
  - Which categories use a form of the copula (da/desu) to be the predicate of a sentence, and when?

## 2. The BCCWJ *Syoonagon* corpus

- Handout - [Guide to using the BCCWJ 少納言 \(Syoonagon\) corpus](#)
  - Orientation to the corpus
- Try it out:

Do our word-class tests help us diagnose words?

  - What points of caution do we find?
  - Useful resources:
    - [WWWJIC dictionary](#)
    - SoJ class [kana charts](#)