

## Abstract

This analytical study of the meanings and usages of “The Potential Expression 「*V.(e)ru/rareru*」 and 「*V.dic.form koto ga dekiru*」 in Japanese”.

The data used in this study are collected from various Japanese newspapers, magazines, movie scripts, essays and short stories printed between 1972 to 2000.

This thesis focused on the study of the meanings, the factors effecting the meaning and the choices of the usage of the pattern 「*V.(e)ru/rareru*」 and 「*V.dic.form koto ga dekiru*」 .