

Informations structure devices in Punan Tubu'

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This paper is a preliminary description of the way information is packaged in Punan Tubu', a language belonging to the North Sarawakan branch of the North Borneo phylum.

Drawing from narrative texts I will observe the devices used by the language to mark the focus and the topic of utterances such as pronouns, demonstratives, particles or just nouns. At the same time the syntactic position of constituents, the use of passive verbs and the cleft constructions will be analysed too and compared where possible, to neighboring languages like Kenyah.