

Prefix *basi-* in Minangkabau Language

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Basi- is one of the many prefixes that exist in Minangkabau language. Based on the data analysis that were taken from Max Planck Padang field station, we found a number of prefixes *basi-* that can be attached to the word classes such as Adjectives, Verbs, and Nouns. In the case *basi-* + Adjective such as *basianiang*, *basipakak*, *basisuruik*, *basitagang*, *basimada*, *basibanak*, *basimanih*, *basicontiak*, *basiranyah*, and *basikareh*; And, *basi-* + Verbs, such as *basigigiah*, *basialau*, dan *basikelah*; and *basi-* + Nouns, for example *basisunguik*. Consider the following exmples:

1. walaupun amak la la *basikareh* lo nyo ngecekan dak (a)do do ma
although-PUN mother PFCT PFCT BA-SI-hard LO 3 N-talk-QAN NEG
exist NEGPOL FILL
2. ndak kami *basikuampeh* bana malam tu ma.
NEG 1 BA-elbow be.tossed true night that MA
3. *basitungkin-tungkin* ajo si Nel ko nyo.
BA-SI-RED-word.hard just SI Nel this 3
4. jadi kini samo-samo *basianiang*.
become now RED-with basi-silent
5. adi samantaro xx *basicapek* baa tu yo
come temporary xx BASI-quick BA-what that EXCL

This paper will discuss (1) morphological process of prefix *basi-* in Minangkabau language, and (2) the meaning of some words formed.

