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This paper examines the usage and function of topic marker *tte*, in contrast to topic marker *wa* and non-topic marker *tte*.   First, topic marker *tte* is classified according to whether the entity followed by *tte* is known to the hearer in the context.   Then *tte* is contrasted with topic marker *wa*, clarifying how they differ in marking topics.   The author claims that this difference is due to the schematic functions of the postpositional particles *tte* and *wa*.   Topic marker *tte* has the function of *quoting*, as does non-topic marker *tte*.

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