

# Manchu Language

Audio of Manchu



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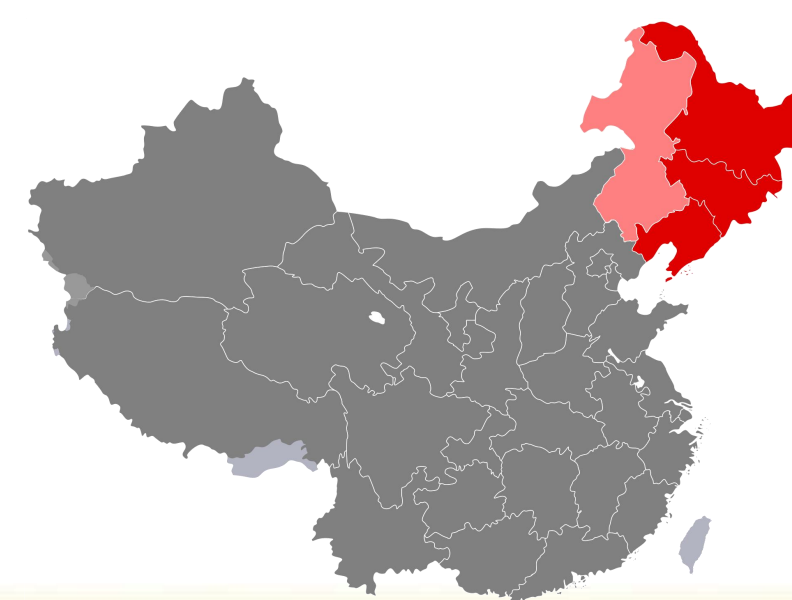


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4	ᡤᡠᡵᡠᡳ	duin
5	ᡤᡠᡵᡠᡳ	sunja
6	ᡤᡠᡵᡠᡳ	ninggun
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## Culture



1. their customs or garments are traditional, delicate and elegant, the clothes, headdress, especially their shoes for women;
2. their given names are distinctive, it means that the name is long and hard to pronounce;
3. traditional hairstyle of man;
4. they weight sports very much, so they have many activities, like riding and archery, wrestling etc.;
5. the 8 banners in Qing Dynasty as the rule of the country;
6. They have different greeting ways with older people and the powerful rulers, for example, everyday they should meet with the older 3 times and show their respect with good wish;

## Phonology

- Manchu language grammatically considered holds a middle place between the Chinese and the languages of modern Europe, but has, on the whole, a greater similarity to the latter than to the former.
- All the words in the language are composed of 6 vowels, a, e, i, Ō, u, and o; and 19-20 consonants, n, ng, k', k, gh, p', p, s, sh, t', t, l, m, ch', ch, y, r, f, and w. (Meadows, Thomas Taylor, 1849)

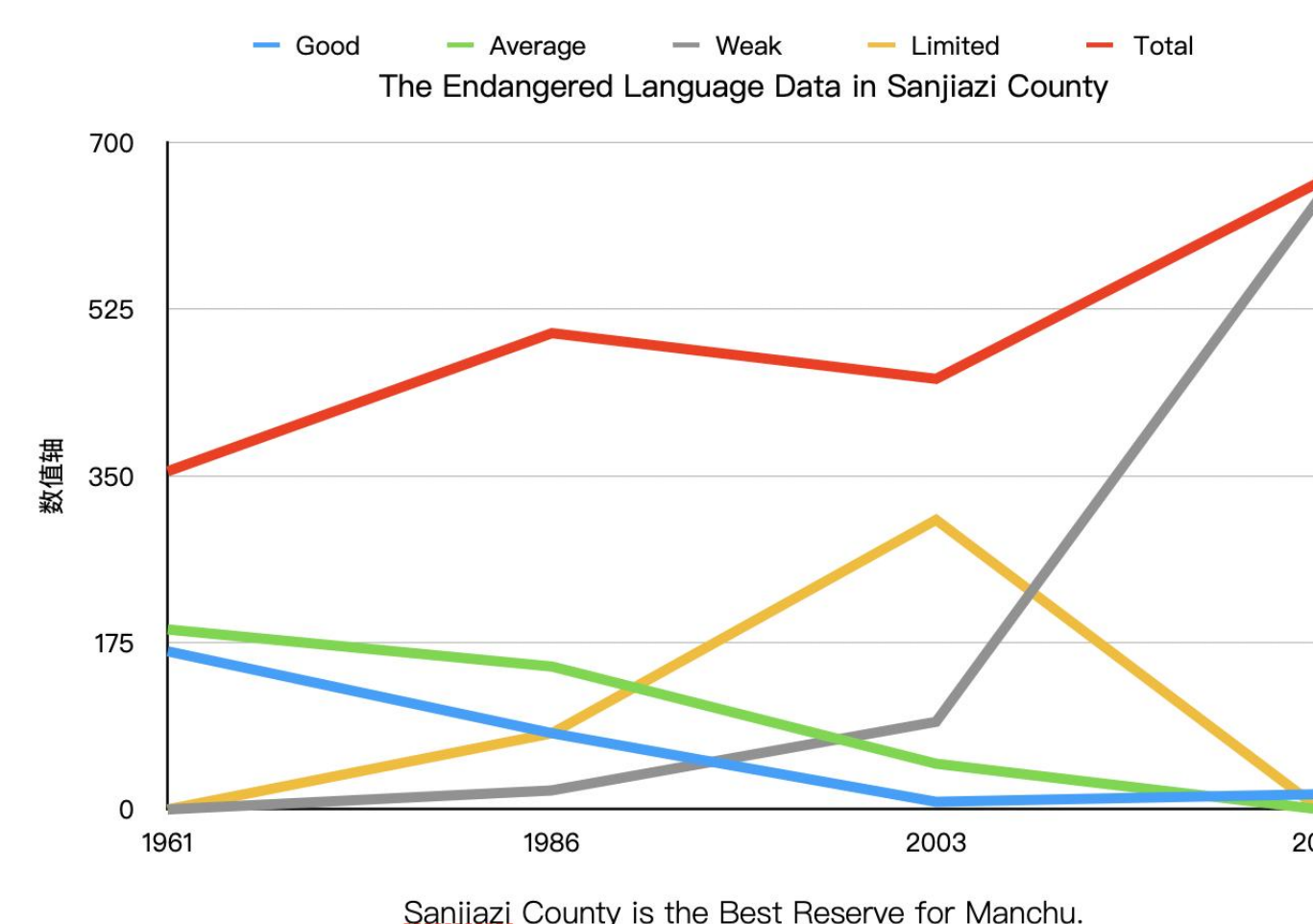
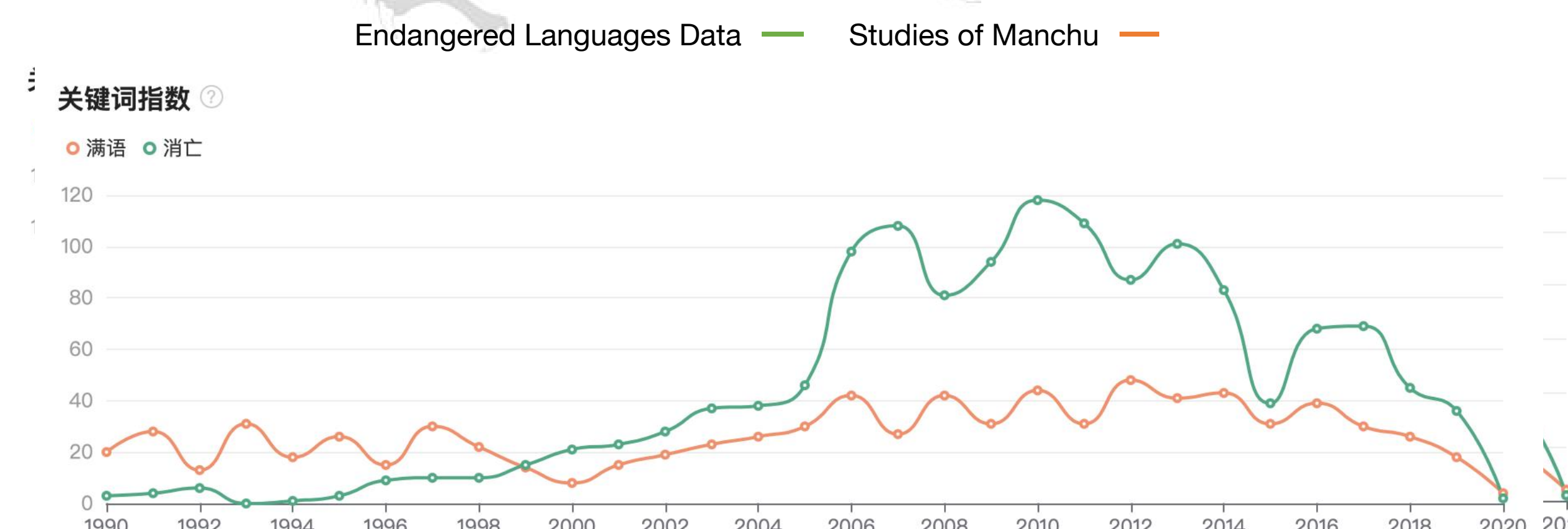
## Morphology

- Written Manchu is an agglutinating, exclusive suffixing language.
- Most suffixes consist of a single morpheme.
- Certain nouns, especially kinship terms, but also other nouns denoting humans can be inflected for plural number through the attachment of suffixes.
- Most other kinds of nouns cannot be inflected for number, and even nouns referring to humans are often unmarked for plural.
- Nouns directly quantified by numerals also usually do not select plural suffix.

## Endangered Reasons

There are mainly 5 reasons for the dying of Manchu:

- The policy that adopted in Qing Dynasty;
- The collapse of Qing Dynasty;
- The reduction of its people;
- People learn Mandrin instead Manchu because culture assimilation;
- The lack of attention and conservation methods to protect.

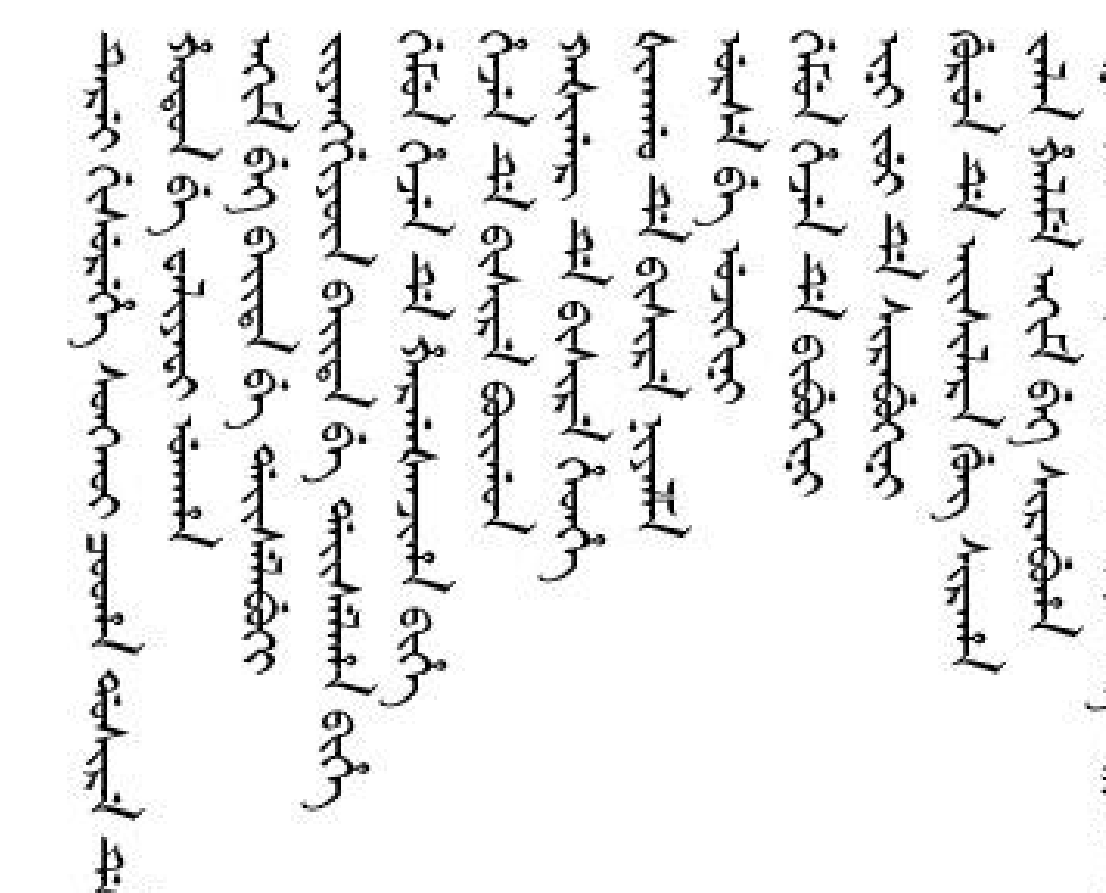


## Syntax&Semantics

- The order in clauses is: subject-object-verb (SOV)
- Active voice involves no special morphological marking. Passive voice is marked by the verbal suffix -bu-;
- In verb phrases, all arguments, complements, and adjuncts ordinarily precede the predicate (underlined), which is typically a verb.
- Noun and adjective phrases can also function as predicates, with or without an overt copula.
- The modal particles can attach to clauses with non-verbal predicates
- In auxiliary constructions, they have somewhat grammaticalized meanings expressing motion or direction, purpose, result, certain tense/mood/aspect categories

## Orthography

- Manchu writing is adapted from the mongolian.
- The writing rule is from right to left.
- It is written in a vertical way.



## Famous Hierarchy

Qing dynasty (1636-1912): The last feudal dynasty.

- Nuerhachi (1559-1626) The Establisher of Qing dynasty
- Kangxi (1654.5.4-1722.12.20) The Fourth Emperor
- Qianlong (1711.9.25-1799.2.7) The Sixth Emperor
- Cixi (1835.11.29-19.8.11.15) The Empress Dowager

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### Other resources

- Manchu Alphabet <https://omniglot.com/writing/manchu.htm>
- Manchu Video <https://youtu.be/XBIXKjMJzKo>
- Manchu self-introduction <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZNoGlajrQs>

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