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the nature of clause-final particles in Japanese, an area previously only explored in the framework of discourse analysis, is also presented. It is

shown that the EPP may be satisfied by such discourse-related elements as topic and focus and by these sentence final particles.