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the Mah Meri language as in the Malay language. In addition, complex adverb phrases indigenous to the Mah Meri language are not found and those that exist have elements that are borrowed from the Malay language.

Reference

Introduction
As any other natural language, the Mah Meri language has an inventory of terms to denote relations between kinsmen. Being able to understand the usage of such terms means that one is mindful of one’s station in the community. The use of appropriate terms of address helps to establish cordial relations while fostering warmth between interlocutors. This chapter presents a sociolinguistic description of the terms of kinship in Mah Meri. These are not only terms of reference but are also used in addressing individuals in face-to-face interaction.

As the Mah Meri society is also structured according to “ranks” conferred on individuals as leaders of the community, this chapter also discusses this sub-category. As the case is with kinship terms, the terms designating these ranks also connote respect in their usage.

Kinship Terms
In Mah Meri community, using suitable kinship terms in addressing one another is vital in establishing social relations between individuals. A kinship terminology is defined as a word used by socially recognised relatives in addressing or speaking of each other. The use of kinship terms is, however, only one of several ways in which relatives can address and refer to each other. Oyetade (1995) refers to kinship terms as words or expressions used in interactive, dyadic and face-to-face situations to designate the person being talked to. It constitutes an important part of verbal behaviour through which the behaviour, norms and practices of a society can be identified. (Afful, 2006).