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## POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

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## Stručná charakteristika práce

The thesis determines the position of compounding within the processes of word-formation in English, summarizes three different approaches to the classification of compounds, deals with the issues of creating a corpus for analysis, and carries out an analysis of compound plant names. The final chapter deals with the semantic relations between the bases of Noun + Noun compounds, which, lacking a verbal element, remain explicitly unexpressed.

## Celkové zhodnocení

The definitely positive aspect of the thesis is that the overall structure of the work is clear and logical. The information provided in individual chapters is relevant and clearly leads to the main part of the thesis, namely the analysis of the compound plant names. The results of the analysis show the main tendencies in the formation of compound plant names.

The analysis itself is generally functional and clear. However, in certain subtypes, it lacks finer sub-classification. This is most apparent in bahuvrihi compounds. Although the author mentions this subtype of exocentric compounds in her work, she completely ignores them in her classification of Noun+Noun and Adj+Noun compounds. It is a pity that we do not learn about their proportional occurrence, as this subtype seems to be especially productive in English plant names.

Another sub-type which would deserve more attention are denominal adjectives in -ed. It is clear from Figure 3 (p. 24) that this subtype is highly productive in compound modifiers Adj+Adj, but we lack a similar analysis for Noun+Adj compounds which could lead to an overall conclusion drawn from the comparison of the two subtypes.

For the analysis of the semantic relations between the unexpressed bases in Noun+Noun compounds, the author has chosen the cognitive approach. This approach seems to be functional; however, she does not only focus on the metaphorical and metonymical relations between bases but includes categories, such as complete metaphor and complete metonymy, which clearly go beyond the original assignment. It would then only be beneficial to the work, if the author had focused purely on the metaphorical and metonymical relationship between bases.

Although the author attempts at a usage of complex language in her work, she is unable to avoid making mistakes, both grammatical and lexical. Their number, unfortunately, has a negative effect on the quality work, which is otherwise of a good standard.

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