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Stručná charakteristika práce

This BA thesis aims to explore collocations composed of a partitive and an uncountable noun and to describe tendencies in their formation. The analysis focuses predominantly on semantic properties of these uncountable nouns and determining unifying features of the given expressions that delimit collocability of the particular partitives. Initially, the author defines key concepts important for her work, i.e. the concept of countability and partitivity. Chapter 2 is devoted to the explanation of what syntagmatic relations are, with the focus on generative approach and structuralist approach. The delimitation of the terms "collocation", "metaphor", and "metonymy" is also part of this chapter. Then, an analysis of constructions is described (Chapter 3) and the last chapter of the theoretical part introduces lexical meaning, which is divided into descriptive and non-descriptive meaning. Chapter 5 presents methodology employed in this work. The practical part (Chapter 6) focuses on a detailed analysis of collocations mentioned above. Findings of the research are summarised in the Conclusion.

Celkové zhodnocení

This thesis is a major contribution to issues dealing with real and potential semantic properties of partitives collocating with uncountable nouns. The examination of selected collocations is systematic and comprehensive, the author proves her sense of a careful analysis of linguistic data.

Collocability is divided into two types, restricted and unrestricted, which shows to be very useful for further analysis. 17 partitive constructions excerpted from Dušková's publication *Mluvnice současné angličtiny na pomezí češtiny* (2012) were searched for in the BNC to find out their usage and frequency of occurrence. All collocations are described thoroughly and examined in the relevant sections of the practical part of the thesis, results of quantitative analysis are summarised in clear tables.

The thesis proves, among other things, the significance of the notion of conceptual metaphor for present-day linguistic research in general, not only in the field of cognitive linguistics. It is apparent that conceptual metaphors shape the way we communicate with other people; however, they are very frequently left unnoticed. Moreover, conceptual metaphors shape the way we think, act, and structure our extra-linguistic reality. Not only these aspects of CM deserve to be further elaborated on (maybe in an MA thesis) since



they are very up to date. What could also be addressed in further research is an etymological point of view on CM that may shed more light on semantic properties of partitive constructions.

The language of the thesis is of reasonable quality, only few mistakes occur. Occasionally, imprecise formulations may be found, e.g. Dušková's *manual* (p. 27), which should be replaced by a more convenient expression.

The thesis is a valuable contribution and meets the general requirements posed on BA theses.

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