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Stručná charakteristika práce

The aim of the thesis is to describe the collocability of English partitives, i.e. search for those semantic features that define their selectional restrictions. The analysis is corpus-based in order to be able to cover the whole range of possible collocations. Before the analysis itself, the author deals with a number of theoretical issues connected with the topic, such as the concept of countability in language and lexical semantics.

Celkové zhodnocení

The work fully meets its major objectives. The author correctly approaches the task by collecting and analysing the data first, subsequently dividing the data into semantic sub-categories from which she draws and explains the tendencies in the formation of the collocations. Her analyses are elaborate and in-depth; her conclusions seem to be correct, and very often revealing. The results seem to confirm the initial hypothesis that all the seemingly varied collocations of the listed partitives are actually governed by a single semantic feature only. Although it was not part of the main objectives of the work and the author mentions it only in general terms, the results of the work also seem to be highly relevant for the theory of conceptual metaphor. This leads me to suggest that the author could continue the work on the subject also in her master's studies, focusing more on the cognitive aspect of the theme (of course, on the condition that she decides to continue her studies).

In spite of the high quality of the work, we can still find some aspects worth improving. The division of the work into the theoretical and practical parts seems to be too rigid, sometimes lacking clear explanation why certain phenomena are described; e.g. in the theoretical part the author deals with the theme of metaphor without giving proper explanation why it is relevant for her research. The chapter thus seems to be incoherent with the rest of the text and could have been incorporated more smoothly. Similarly, we are given the categorization of partitives into "abstract" and "concrete", but the author fails to explain why such a distinction is meaningful to the overall conception of her analysis. Lastly, although in the final discussion on the results we get a clear description of the semantic fields of the uncountable nouns, the discussion on the collocability itself, i.e. the search of a common semantic feature of the partitive and the uncountable, is not given the appropriate attention. Nevertheless, as was suggested above, these imperfections are negligible in view of the strong aspects of the thesis.

The thesis is written in good English with a few mistakes only.



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