



## POSUDEK OPONENTA BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

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Studijní obor: **Anglický jazyk a literatura (dvouoborové studium)**

Název práce: **Differences in expressing emotiveness in Facebook chats**

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### **Short characteristics of the thesis**

The work deals with the language used in social media, e.g. Facebook, specifically how the expression of emotiveness differs in the language of men and women. The main objective is to evaluate to what extent and how the language of the two genders differs.

The author first discusses the aspects of language that the users of the internet make use of and she goes on to discuss the issues connected to language and gender. The most important part is the actual analysis of Facebook chats from which she draws conclusions.

### **Overall assessment**

The thesis entirely fulfils the goals that are set at the beginning of the work. The general structure of the thesis is clear and logical.

The initial chapters describe in depth the topics and literature relevant for the research; however, sometimes it seems to be unnecessarily lengthy and not directly relevant to the main topic. It is a question whether we need a definition of the internet (p. 7), a separate chapter on David Crystal (p. 11), some discussions on the gender differences (p. 21), etc.

What I miss in these chapters is a clear summary of the expected differences in the communication of men and women. From the analysis itself it becomes apparent that the three authors that deal with gender linguistics, Robin Lakoff, Deborah Cameron, and Deborah Tannen, do mention some features typical for one of the genders (e.g. "...proves Lakoff's claim (1975) about female speakers using intensifiers more frequently than men" (p. 44) or "this contradicts Lakoff's idea of women's speech being grammatically more correct than one of men..." (p. 46), but those differences are not listed. This would, in my opinion, enable the author to compare and contrast the "expected" differences from literature with her own analysis and draw some relevant conclusions. It is a pity especially when the analyses themselves appear to be relevant and insightful - the differences are described as individual instances without being made more "visible" in a comprehensive summary.

For the defence of the thesis I suggest that the author should present a basic list of the expected differences as mentioned in the relevant literature with the comparison of her own data. In this way she could demonstrate the actual features in which women's communication on the social media differs from the men's one in terms of emotiveness. In this way I would agree with a better grade of the thesis than the one suggested in the proposed evaluation.



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As mentioned above, the analysis itself is otherwise elaborate and insightful.  
The work is written in good English with occasional mistakes only.

Práci **doporučuji** k obhajobě.

Navrhovaná klasifikace: **velmi dobře**

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