



POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Anglický jazyk a literatura**

Název práce: **Oscillation of plural forms in English nouns**

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Quality of Research

1) Please rate the following statements about the thesis on a scale of 1 (insufficient) to 3 (excellent)

The topic of the thesis is suitable for the scope and well defined: 3

Sets clear goals or questions for research: 2

Demonstrates conceptual clarity and accuracy: 2

Demonstrates a good understanding of the linguistic work(s) discussed: 3

Engages with the subject critically and analytically: 1

Uses relevant scholarship meaningfully: 2

2) Comment shortly on the quality of the research presented in the thesis:

The thesis fulfils the basic aim set at the beginning, as she explores the frequency of occurrence of selected English nouns that allow for both regular and irregular plural taking into consideration different genres the nouns may appear in. However, from the perspective of the overall conception of the work, I have two major comments.

For her analysis, the author selected a relatively small number of nouns. This is not necessarily wrong, but the nouns should be representatives (in other words, prototypical instances) of larger groups of nouns that share some specific features. What I find missing is a more profound description of the types the nouns represent as well as some justification in what way the selected nouns are suitable representatives.

Secondly, the results that the author obtains from the corpora make the impression of individual cases without any attempt to draw some conclusions about more general tendencies in the choice between the two forms. Such general overview would be a valuable asset of the thesis as well as of help to English learners.

Quality of Writing

1) Please rate the following statements about the thesis on a scale of 1 (insufficient) to 3 (excellent)

Has a clear and suitable structure: 3

Employs appropriate register and academic style: 2

Uses correct and relevant terminology: 2

Adheres to academic thesis guidelines, format and MLA style guide: 3

Written in correct and fluent English (both grammar and vocabulary): 2

Carefully edited with few typos or mistakes: 2

2) Comment shortly on the quality of the writing presented in the thesis:

The overall structure of the work is clear and logical. What makes the work somewhat harder to read is the rather simple language the author uses.



Overall Review and Assessment

(short description of the thesis and its findings, what has been achieved, and areas for improvement)

The thesis aims to investigate what drives the selection of either regular or irregular plural forms in nouns that allow for both. The author draws data from British and American corpora of spoken, written neutral, and written formal language, thus obtaining six sub-corpora. The resulting frequencies are compared with the information that core grammar books provide in order to confirm or refute the information as well as to provide a fine-grained picture of the tendencies in the use of the plural forms.

Questions for Defence

(please provide two questions for the student to answer during their defence)

Could you please define the types of nouns that the analysed samples represent?

Could you please provide some general tendencies that you draw from your analysis?

Práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

Navrhovaná klasifikace: **dobře**

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