

Abstract

The aim of the diploma thesis is to describe what characterizes speech in communication between father and child in the Czech language environment. The first part of the thesis defines the basic theoretical concepts and summarizes the results of previous research, which deals with the principles of language acquisition by an infant and defines the basic features of infant-directed speech. The theoretical part of the work is based mainly on the literature, which describes the differences between father's infant-directed speech and mother's infant-directed speech. The second part of the work consists of an analysis of audio recordings of the casual communication of fathers with children in comparison with the casual communication of fathers with adults. The recordings were made as part of project Primus/17/HUM/19. Furthermore, the work focuses on selected pragmatic and lexical phenomena of father's infant-directed speech, which are again compared with the findings of the literature.

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