

Abstract

The bachelor's thesis is concerned with the postmodification of a noun by a noun phrase in English, which is an uncommon structure.

The analysis is based on searching for examples of this construction in British National Corpus and Spoken British National Corpus 2014. The gathered sentences are grouped and analysed by the head noun of the postmodifying phrase. Their description deals both with syntax, such as the ratio of postmodifiers separated by a comma, as well as semantics.

The results confirm that a noun phrase functioning as a noun postmodifier occurs infrequently in written language as well as in speech. They also show that the usage of this kind of postmodification is in practice limited to only a few heads of the postmodifying phrase.