

Abstract:

The subject of this master thesis is about multilingualism in one particular family which uses Czech, Spanish and Swedish in everyday situations. The beginning of this thesis deals with the theory of bilingualism, language acquisition in bilingual speakers and presents the concept of communication and language management. The theoretical part is based on related literature, which tries to give an overview of multilingualism and offers the theoretical background for the research. The research explores the communication of the chosen bilingual family who lives in Sweden. Information was obtained using two methods, semi-structured interviews with each family member and the conversation analysis of two family dinners, which includes communication of all family members. The research shows how members approach bilingualism and their individual languages and provides the opportunity to explore the family language management. The conclusion connects both theoretical and practical information.

Key words: family communication, multilingualism, language acquisition, language management