

Abstract

The theme of this bachelor thesis is a research study of glottalization patterns in English as the second language (L2) of Czech and Slovak speakers. The thesis starts with a theoretical part, in which the phenomenon of glottalization and linking is described. Different possible types of linking and glottalization are represented, using different examples from various languages. Further on, the linking and glottalization are described separately in relation to the Czech language, the Slovak language, and lastly the English language. Various types of glottalization and linking of those languages are described. The languages are compared with each other, combined with the analysis of prosodic differences between the Czech and Slovak language. Speech production in English as L2 is then described. All of these findings are then applied to a practical study. The recording of 6 Czech and 8 Slovak speakers is analysed with respect to different aspects, that affect linking and glottalization. The results are then discussed, alongside with the suggestions for further study.