

Abstract

The bachelor thesis *Vowel groups in contemporary Spanish* is focused on the pronunciation of diphthongs and hiatuses by Czech speakers of Spanish. The aim of the thesis is to find out, how the vowel groups are pronounced by Czech speakers of Spanish and how the level of the language is reflected on the pronunciation. It consists of two parts, theoretical and practical. In the first part, the author of the text describes theoretically the vowel system of Czech and Spanish language, including the vowel groups, where she mentions diphthongs, hiatuses and triphthongs, focusing mainly on the first two mentioned phenomena. She also presents the changes that can occur in pronunciation and, last but not least, she characterizes evolution of both systems. The second part is practically oriented, and it is based on the analysis of audio recordings where it is compared the extent to which Czech students of Spanish have approached the pronunciation of native speakers and what factors influence their progress.

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