

Abstract

This bachelor thesis explores prenominal possessive genitive from the perspective of functional and typologically oriented linguistics. Using statistical methods applied to material from corpora of spontaneous spoken Czech, effects of animacy, phrase weight, recursion and allomorphy on genitive position are examined. The results suggest that animacy is the most important factor predicting the use of prenominal genitive and this feature is further discussed in cross-linguistic context. The data also suggest that prenominal position may have certain advantages when using recursive possessive phrases. Effects of morphophonological alternations have been observed as well.