

Abstract

The present thesis focuses on voice in relation to interpreters. The aim of the thesis is to provide insight into the situation of spoken language and sign language interpreters in the Czech Republic with focus on how the interpreters use their voice, what voice disorders connected to their profession they struggle with, how they take care of their voice and what voice training options they have. To find answers to these questions, questionnaires were distributed to both spoken language and sign language interpreters. The results of the questionnaires were compared with information from professional literature and with the results of research into current and past voice training options for interpreters. On the basis of the outcomes, recommendations for practice are outlined not only for interpreters, but also for their educators and employers.