

Abstract in English

This thesis analyzes the sample of proverbs often use in contemporary Italian language obtained via the survey. The initial theoretical part deals with the definition and characteristics of proverbs in the context of various geographical areas. Subsequently, the proverbs are discussed from the formal, particularly morphosyntactic point of view and their logical structure, and semantic part is covered in a communicational context. Selected rhetorical figures typical for proverbs are listed, and the theoretical part is concluded with a characteristic of variability.

The following practical part contains a formal analysis of the sample alongside the introduction to the survey used. Usage of the language corpuses CORIS and Araneum Italicum is described, followed by determination of proverb frequency in these corpuses and the results of the formal analysis are followed by an examination of the sample based on intralingual variability. The practical part is concluded by a list of Czech equivalents to the sample proverbs.

Key words

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