

The theoretical part is based on the study of available literature. The first part is about the developmental concept of death, in the second part, which is based on research published abroad; the subconcepts of death are described. There are 4 subconcepts: universality, irreversibility, nonfunctionality and causality. I have mostly focused on the 5 to 9 year age group. The research comes from 14 semi-structured interviews which were conducted with 29 children in their first year of school. The analysis is focused on three major topics: 1) How does life end? 2) What does death look like? 3) What happens after death? After that I analyzed the interviews in order to relate what was said to the subconcepts. My results are compared with the conclusions I drew in the theoretical part. A detailed, longitudinal study, which could observe all the necessary parameters I have not had capacity for, is needed.