

This thesis deals with existential quantifier *some* and its compound forms *someone*, *somebody* and *something*. The English pronoun *some* has two basic functions: pronominal and determinative. In Czech the grammatical category of definiteness is missing. The lack of the category of definiteness is reflected in the use of the translation equivalents that are manifold. In many cases there are no explicit correlates. The pronunciation of *some* in determinative or pronominal function is also the subject of this paper as well as the occurrence of *some* in assertive or non-assertive contexts. The use of *someone* and *somebody* differs stylistically. The English pronominal compounds are also compared with the Czech translation correlates.

By means of ParaConc, a parallel concordance software, the total number of 105 examples of *some*, 30 examples of *something*, 30 examples of *someone* and 9 instances of *somebody* was gathered. The collected material is based on both American and British English, the main sources being *A Widow for One Year* by John Irving and *The Holy Thief* by Ellis Peters.