Annotation

Title of the bachelor thesis:
Romance Influence on the English Wordstock

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History of English, borrowing, loan word, lexicalization, language acquisition, second language, language interference.

Abstract

The bachelor thesis Romance Influence on the English Wordstock is concerned with the Romance impacts on English, which is most noticeable in its wordstock, and simultaneously it tries to find out what the awareness of learners of English of these influences is. The practical part is based on research in the form of a questionnaire which was distributed among English students of the Faculty of Education, Charles University in Prague and which consists of four exercises where various Romance specifics can be found. The research revealed that students do not have a particular cognizance of Romance influence but it showed that the longer the students study English, the fewer problems they have with the words coming from Romance languages. It also studied whether students who know the French or Latin language have an advantage when acquiring the English vocabulary. The result affirms that these people may profit from their knowledge when learning English expressions similar to the French ones but they should already be confident in the language, otherwise the superficial knowledge of it can cause problems.