Summary:

The bachelor thesis deals with the life problems of hearing impaired people in normally hearing population. The paper describes general characteristics of individual hearing afflictions, the specifics related to the time when the impairment occurred, the social position of the hearing impaired person in the society and the basic principles and differentiations while communicating with such a person. The thesis further describes the specifics of communication systems – primarily concentrated on spoken language, Czech sign language and signed Czech. One chapter deals with specific social position of the hearing impaired people in their own community. The purpose of this thesis is to clarify the present situation of the hearing disabled population in the Czech Republic and to stress what could be further improved in their everyday life situation – beginning with their education, seeking suitable employment and solving their common problems. The practical part talks about individual personal needs and the everyday life pitfalls of the hearing impaired people.

Key definitions:

Hearing impairment

Communication systems

Hearing impaired

Minority