Abstract

The present thesis deals with phrasal compounds, which are generally considered a marginal type of English word-formation. The theoretical part of the thesis aims to define phrasal compounds and differentiate them from standard compounds. It draws on both Czech and foreign secondary literature, and summarizes the approaches of different authors, but it relies mostly on the Czech traditional approach.

The research part presents an analysis and a classification of 139 phrasal compounds excerpted from contemporary British news websites, where they often appear as witty neologisms. The compounds are examined from the point of view of both their syntactic function and internal structure (a-/symmetrical structure, presence of conjunctions and prepositions, semantic relations between constituents). Based on the analysis, the specific features of phrasal compounds are presented in the conclusion of the thesis.