

ABSTRACT

This thesis focuses on the realization of high front vowel in Czech and Spanish, with respect to second language acquisition. In the first part, general theoretical concepts are explained, such as fossilization, SLA, critical period, and SLA model designed by Flege (1995) and also a comparison of the Spanish and Czech vowel is given. As Czech and Spanish vocalic systems are very similar, the subtle phonetic differences are to be detected in the second part where realizations of these two vowels in selected consonantal contexts are analysed.

Key words: Second Language Acquisition, Phonetics, Interlanguage, Spanish, high front vowel.