

ABSTRACT

This bachelor thesis deals with the difference in the use of time and space prepositional phrases in British and American English. The theoretical background rests on the semantic classification of time and space prepositional phrases in *Comprehensive Grammar of the English Language* (Quirk et al., 1985). The practical part of the thesis focuses on the analysis of three problematic areas: a) prepositions which differ only in form in the two varieties, b) the difference in the presence vs. absence of a preposition in the two varieties, e.g.: *I'll do it on Monday.* (BrE)/*I'll do it Monday.* (AmE), c) different prepositions used for expressing the same meaning in British and American English. The material was drawn from two large corpora, namely the Corpus of Contemporary American English and the British National Corpus.

Key words: time and space prepositional phrases, British and American English, corpus-based and corpus-driven methods.