

## **Abstract**

The present study aims at discussing two connectives *however* and *instead* in academic texts. As the conjuncts are known to be rather free in their position, this study analyzes the interconnection of the possible position and other characteristics of the conjuncts i.e. the punctuation and co-occurrences.

This thesis is a corpus based study. The corpus chosen for the analysis is the British National Corpus. The analysis itself is carried out on 100 examples, i.e. 50 examples of sentences containing *however* and 50 examples of sentences containing *instead*.

The objective of this thesis is to examine the use of *however* and *instead* in the academic texts. In other words, it describes the usage of the two connectives as well as the possible tendencies that can be observed i.e. punctuation, co-occurrences. Individual sections of the analysis are based on the position of the conjuncts. Therefore a significant part of the analysis is dedicated to determining the position of the conjuncts based on the previously established position formulas. Further, punctuation and co-occurrences of conjuncts are analyzed as a follow-up to the position results.

Key words: adversative conjuncts, *however*, *instead*, position, punctuation, co-occurrences