

ABSTRACT

The main aim of this thesis is to outline three major fields that are closely connected to language, writing and speech: 'writing systems', 'English orthography' and 'English spelling'. These parts are fully theoretical and serve as an introduction and source of basic information for the supplementary research on 'common misspelling tendencies' in the English language. The primary part of this research is composed of a comparison of individual commonly misspelled words and their further analysis in relation to the English orthography. Each major part uses linguistic terms and phrases which are briefly explained in the 'keywords' section at the end of the thesis.