

Abstract

This Bachelor thesis deals with the variation of the competing strong genitive endings *-s* and *-es* in contemporary German language. The aim of this thesis is to determine, with the aid of the German reference corpus (DeReKo), which genitive ending predominates within the words of the selected vocabulary and their derivatives. Based on the extracted quantification data, I will analyse the influence of the phonetic, prosodic and other factors – including the size and structure of the phonological word – on the variation and competitive relationships of the strong genitive endings.

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