

Impact of Mobile Phones on English

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Scope of Work:

The Bachelor thesis is aimed at examining the impact of mobile phones on the English language and modern communication in the 21st century. The author includes an analysis of the literature on the subject and examines the linguistic aspects and mobile applications involved with the advent of the mobile phone.

Grammar:

The grammar, sentence structures and vocabulary of this paper has a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde feel to it. There are many pages where the only problem is in the use of “articles”; but there are a few pages which have incomprehensible errors which should not be made in a work at this level. The brief “Abstract” seems like it was written in the last minute because there are several mistakes and typos there. On page 22 there is an entire paragraph with several grammar errors and an incomplete sentence. Then, the following pages return to normal and the thesis is readable again with fewer errors to be found.

Style:

Despite what was mentioned above in relation to its grammar, the thesis flows smoothly and is overall clearly written. I especially like the Twitter insertion Ms. Smirnova put it on page 29 involving an excerpt (“Twecipe”) from the “The World’s Shortest Recipe Book”; it is apt, informative and humorous at the same time.

Contents:

The thesis is very informative and impressive in that it outlines all the changes that mobile applications have brought to the world of communication in the 21st century. Their affect has been enormous on the English language and Ms. Smirnova highlights them all. She gives many apt examples and includes a “Glossary” and “Abbreviations” at the end of the paper. Ms. Smirnova highlights in her paper (summed up in the “Conclusion”) that mobile phones have brought major changes to the “lexical aspect” of English, as well as increasing the use of slang and emoticons in the language.

Final Assessment:

Ms. Smirnova has written a very good thesis but it is unfortunate that there were too many language errors in parts of the paper. Because of this I can only give a mark of

79%/C/dobře