

Content

List of abbreviations.....	2
List of figures.....	3
List of tables.....	4
Acknowledgements.....	6
INTRODUCTION.....	9
INTERLUDE.....	24
Chapter One: N COMPLIMENTING AND COMPLIMENTS.....	39
PART ONE: MAPPING THE FIELD.....	39
1.0 Introduction.....	39
1.1 The nature of compliments.....	44
1.1.1 Tentative taxonomy of compliments.....	66
1.1.2 Social factors: sex, status and educational background of complimenters.....	73
1.1.3 Formal and semantic properties.....	76
1.1.4 Structural properties.....	80
1.1.5 Objects of compliments	83
1.1.6 Compliment responses.....	85
1.1.6.1 Categories of compliment responses.....	86
PART TWO: COMPLIMENTS IN THE MAKING.....	92
2.1 Strategies in complimenting (English-Czech interface).....	92
2.1.1 Characterising the data.....	92
2.1.2 Formal and semantic properties of Czech compliments.....	94
2.1.3 Structural properties of Czech compliments.....	107
2.1.4 Typical objects of compliments in Czech.....	130
2.1.5 Typical compliment responses in Czech.....	135
2.2 Concluding remarks on compliments	148
Chapter Two: SIGNPOSTING THE DISCOURSE.....	152
PART ONE: SIGNPOSTING AND SIGNPOSTS.....	152

3.0 Introduction	152
3.1 Interpersonal signposts.....	164
3.2 Textual signposts.....	168
PART TWO: DISCOURSE MARKERS AS SIGNPOSTS.....	172
4.0 Advocating the topic (Motivation).....	172
4.1 A terminological note.....	175
4.2 Introduction to the analysis.....	179
4.2.1 Characterising the data.....	181
4.2.2 Analysis procedure.....	181
4.3 The comparison and discourse functions of ah, oh, well and now..	184
4.3.1 AH.....	190
4.3.2 OH.....	197
4.3.3 WELL.....	206
4.3.4 NOW.....	215
4.4 Concluding remarks on discourse signposts.....	221
CONCLUSION.....	227
REFERENCES AND SOURCES.....	237