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Menzerath et al., 2012a; cf. also Lanza et al., 1997). However, our book and its chapters are completely different from those mentioned in the studies mentioned above.

The single chapters of our book are organized as follows. The first chapter can serve as an introduction to a general study of sign languages. It is in English translation of the main part of the lecture notes (cf. Lanza et al., 2013). The elements of quantitative linguistics, including historical reviews, have been collected in Chapter 2. This chapter was completed by the extension of related entries from the *New encyclopaedia dictionary of Czech* (cf. Řehák, Richter, Flečeková et al., 2017). Chapter 3 deals with one of the most important laws of quantitative linguistics, namely the Menzerath–Altmann law. Its content was taken from the theoretical part of the paper Audíšová et al. (2012a). Language fractals are considered on the basis of Chapter 4, which was selected from the paper Audíšová (2014). Our methods are briefly sketched in Chapter 5, where a particular attention is paid