

Abstract

This dissertation is devoted to narrative competence in adults with cerebral palsy. My goal was to study and make a detailed assessment of the narratives of adults with cerebral palsy in the intellectual norm, and without cerebral palsy, I compared the aforementioned groups with each other. The study population (60 people) consisted of adults aged 18 to 35 years. Two groups were separated from it: 30 adults without cerebral palsy abnormalities (group I) and 30 adults with cerebral palsy within the normal range (group II). Patients were asked to follow five instructions. They included: describing the character (an elderly lady, a young gentleman), describing the place (a lavatory), describing the event (a scenario in the garden), and telling a 4-element picture story (concerning a family buying a barbecue and preparing a meal).

The dissertation consists of six chapters. In the first one, I discuss cerebral palsy - its holistic picture. I present etymological issues, its classifications, and varieties. I discuss the effects of cerebral palsy on the child's development and speech disorders in patients. The whole is closed by a subchapter that attempts to systematize the perspectives of describing people with cerebral palsy in the literature.

The second chapter deals with the narrative. I cited selected studies there, and I wanted to show that it is written about in the context of many diseases and disorders. I also discussed narrative forms based on a monologue - story and description.

Chapters three, four, and five correspond to each other. The first of them concerns the methodology of my research, the second presents the results of the conducted empirical tests. The third is an attempt to organize and systematize the research material. In tabular form, I present the criteria with statistically significant differences and those on the verge of significance.

The doctoral dissertation ends with the sixth chapter devoted to the proposals of stimulating the narrative skills of people with cerebral palsy.