

Stereotype of a  
hearing person  
in Czech Sign Language

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# Stereotype associated with a hearing person



The stereotype shows the concept of a „typical hearing person“ in the minds of Czech Deaf.

# Types of stereotype of a hearing person

Selected types according to J. Průcha, 2004:

- Projected autostereotype

D → (D ← H) (we (Deaf) think, that the hearing see us as...)

- Simple heterostereotype

D → H (we (Deaf) think, that the hearing are...)

- Projected heterostereotype

D → (H → H) (we (Deaf) think, that the hearing see themselves as...)

# Stereotype in cognitive linguistics

Social stereotype consists of a set of values, judgements and assumptions about a group, its behavior, character, history and development

- Ethnic and physical properties

(hearing)

- Profession

(interpreter, physician, speech therapist, teacher etc.)

# Stereotype in linguistics

Stereotype is also a part of language, spoken or signed.

- Unmarked sign form x marked sign form
- Marked sign form (modification of one parameter of sign  
HEARING)
- Non-manual marking (face and body positions)
  - Indexical-localised expressions

# HEARING in Czech Sign Language

- Lexical meaning

- Sing located near the ear – anatomy
- The D handshape – healthy x P handshape – deaf, a question
- Movement – air coming into inner ear

- Sign modification

- Sing parameters – change of handshape

- Non-manual components

- Mouth gestures, mouthings
- Facial expressions

# Traditional stereotypes

- Jokes about the hearing and their professions
- Video clip „The train ride“





- There are many hearing people in the world – surplus

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