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The topic of the paper is emphatic constructions in the English language (Cleft, Pseudo - Cleft and Left Dislocation). The paper consists of the introduction, theoretical and practical parts, conclusion and bibliography. The theoretical part is an overview of linguistic literature on the topic. In the practical part the author presents the results of her analysis of the use of the emphatic constructions under consideration in formal and informal situations in British and American English with regard to the speaker’s gender. The statistics are well described and accompanied by pie-charts and graphs. The paper is topical because the use of emphatic constructions is studied in formal and informal situations with regard to the speaker’s gender. Besides, this issue has deserved little attention of linguists so far. Frequency and peculiarities of use of these constructions are compared in British and American English. The results suggest that clefts are more common in British English, while pseudo-clefts are more frequent in American English. Besides, cleft constructions are mostly found in formal contexts, while pseudo-clefts are typical of informal situations. The author also gives an insight into the functions of left dislocation. The present paper meets the requirements set for graduation papers and can be considered by the State Examination Board.

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