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The topic of the present research is means of expressing modality in British and American English. The overall objective of the paper is to study the concept of modality, different definitions and classifications of modality as well as means of expressing modal meanings in British and American English. The paper consists of the introduction, the theoretical and practical parts, conclusion and bibliography. The theoretical part is an overview of linguistic literature on the notion of modality and general characteristics of the main means of its expression. The practical part presents the results of the comparative analysis of the use of different means expressing modality in the two functional styles: colloquial and newspaper in British and American English. The paper is topical because it gives a deeper insight into the field of modality. The author compares the frequency of different means of expressing modality in the two functional styles in British and American English, provides statistics and makes conclusions that might prove interesting and useful for teachers and learners of English. The paper meets the requirements set for Graduation papers and can be considered by the State Examination Board.

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