**Methods**

In order to develop knowledge on the status of the PP, a correlational study is chosen. Both quantitative and qualitative methods are applied to gain results. First, the idea that Americans opt for the SP more frequently than Britons will be tested. Second, new patterns in the use of the PP will be advanced. The method of this study is a questionnaire. It will be conducted online since it is fast and anonymous and provides data in a systematic way. We have chosen this approach because most previous studies have been focused on data from corpora and viewed the PP diachronically. The questionnaire will allow us to gain more information about how the PP is spoken in day-to-day life in comparison to the SP.

The questionnaire is to be done among native speakers of English – people who were born and raised in the UK or the US and thus speak BrE or AmE respectively. The expected number of the participants in the survey is 60 (30 from each country). The participants will be chosen on the Internet via language applications (Tandem, InterPals, and HelloTalk). The type of sampling is random. The questions related to occupation and age will be included in the questionnaire to determine whether these criteria influence the choice. The platform chosen for the questionnaire is Google Forms.

The type of data is primary since original data from the survey will be used. The questions are supposed to be closed-ended and comprise the contexts with the choice between the PP and the SP. The approximate number of questions is five. The contexts will be taken from the fiction books written by English authors. The main purpose of the questionnaire is to understand which tense first comes to the mind of the native speaker rather than which one they consider grammatically correct and whether the choice is influenced by the standard of English. Hence, the study explores the correlation between two variables: a certain situation retrieved from the book and the choice of the speaker between the PP and the SP encouraged by the context. The data received will be analyzed statistically to verify the hypothesis. Next, more attention will be paid to particular cases to find out new tendencies.

This study examines only the resultative function of the PP which correlates with the use of the SP. Owing to the fact that the PP Inclusive does not present much difficulty, it lies beyond the scope of this research. Additionally, this study does not consider the correlation between the use of the Past Perfect and the SP which is to be investigated in future research. Since the questionnaire is conducted online, some respondents may be less likely to read and submit the form thoroughly. The fact that participants are selected only through language applications could also be a limiting factor.