

Pronunciation Variations of the Groups of the Same Letters: Beginning with ‘G’

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ABSTRACT

The present study is about English language pronunciation. Particularly, it covers the study of different pronunciations of the groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, in different English language words. This study purposes to alleviate the confusion in the mind of the non-native users of the English language in respect of the different pronunciations of the groups of same letters in different English language words by way of presenting in a clear and detailed manner, as a sample, the groups of same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, in different English language words having different pronunciations. Such thirty-two groups have been found which are presented with one hundred and seventy-six examples including English language words and their phonetic transcriptions. The deliberate sampling method and qualitative research method go hand in hand throughout the study while presenting the data. This study comprises hypothesis, objectives, methodology, data collection sources, importance, scope, limitations, findings, conclusion and references. The value of this study can be measured through its positive implications on non-native users of the English language in the form of enlightening and complementing them to become capable in the select domain of discussion.

Keywords: Complement; discussion; domain; English language; non-native users.

Introduction

Pronunciation is one of the foremost parts of any language. If it is excluded, the language becomes futile. It is the soul and integral aspect of language. The rightness in it facilitates conveying the right meanings and understanding. The knowledge scarcity as regards pronunciation positions confusion and diffidence in the mind. Therefore, the value of pronunciation cannot be repudiated on any ground. The non-native users of the English language are perplexed by reason of the different pronunciations of the groups of the same letters in different English language words which bars them from becoming fluent in

the English language. Therefore, this study is an attempt to present a few of such groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’ (as this study is limited to it only), in different English language words having different pronunciations. In this study, the thirty-two groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, i.e., ga, gau, gaze, ge, geo, gge, ggre, ghe, gi, gla, gli, glo, glu, gna, gni, go, goi, goose, gou, gra, gre, grea, gri, gro, grou, grow, grue, gu, gua, gue, gui and gy in different English language words having different pronunciations together with one hundred and seventy-six examples including English language words and their phonetic transcriptions have been presented.

Hypothesis

There are different pronunciations of the groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet 'G', in different English language words.

Objectives

- ❑ To examine and present the groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet 'G', in different English language words having different pronunciations.
- ❑ To analyse them with their phonetic transcriptions carefully.
- ❑ To explain the data theoretically in order to substantiate the chosen topic of the present study.

Research Methodology

It has been examined that there are different pronunciations of the groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet 'G', in different English language words. On close examination, the details of it have been found. Therefore, the examination (the act of careful looking) is the prime research approach in this study. Using the deliberate sampling method, the present topic and the samples in it are selected for the study. This study prioritises the qualitative research method while presenting, analysing and explaining the data.

Sources of Data Collection

The sources of data collection referred to in this study are books, dictionaries, research journals, etc. They doubtlessly contribute to substantiating the hypothesis and reaching the objectives.

Importance of the Study

The notability of any study can be measured through its productive impacts on the target audiences and the present study is potentially notable for put an impact on the non-native users of the English language. It, at one spot, offers them an opportunity to get the different pronunciations of the thirty-two groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet 'G', in various one hundred and seventy-six English language words. Furthermore, it will complement them to become capable in the select domain of discussion. Bearing in mind all these aforementioned statements, it can be said that the study, undertaken, is important.

Scope and Limitations of the Study

The scope of this study covers the examination and presentation of the groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet 'G', in different English language words having different pronunciations. Further, it covers the careful analysis of them with their phonetic transcriptions and theoretical explanation of the data in order to substantiate the chosen topic of the present study. The English language possesses twenty-six alphabets from A to Z. This study chooses the alphabet 'G' only and limits its periphery around it. More explicitly, it can be said that this study is limited at most to presenting the groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet 'G', in different English language words having different pronunciations.

Findings of the Study

The findings of this study have been mentioned as follows:

The group of the same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, i.e., **ga** in different English language words, i.e., **Brigade**, **Brigadier**, **Cigar**, **Conjugal**, **Gadget** and **Gall** have different pronunciations, i.e., /geɪ/ in /brɪ'geɪd/, /gə/ in /'brɪgə'diə(r)/, /gɑ:/ in /sɪ'gɑ:(r)/, /g/ in /'kɒndʒəgəl/, /gæ/ in /'gædʒɪt/ and /gɔ:/ in /gɔ:l/.

The group of the same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, i.e., **ge** in different English language words, i.e., **Agency**, **Agenda**, **Forget**, **Gene**, **Genre**, **Geography**, **Germinate** and **Managerial** have different pronunciations, i.e., /dʒə/ in /'erɪdʒənsɪ/, /dʒe/ in /ə'dʒendə/, /ge/ in /fə'get/, /dʒi:/ in /'dʒi:n/, /ʒɑ:/ in /'ʒɑ:nrə/, /dʒɪ/ in /'dʒɪ'vɒgrəfi/, /dʒɜ:/ in /'dʒɜ:mɪnɪt/ and /dʒɪə/ in /,mænə'dʒɪəriəl/.

The group of same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, i.e., **gi** in different English language words, i.e., **Agile**, **Agitate**, **Gibbon**, **Giraffe**, **Girder** and **Regime** have different pronunciations, i.e., /dʒaɪ/ in /'ædʒaɪ/, /dʒɪ/ in /'ædʒɪtɪt/, /gɪ/ in /'gɪbən/, /dʒə/ in /'dʒə'ra:f/, /gɜ:/ in /'gɜ:də(r)/ and /ʒi:/ in /rei'ʒi:m/.

The group of the same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, i.e., **go** in different English language words, i.e., **Aggo**, **Agog**, **Agonize**, **Goiter** and **Gorgeous** have different pronunciations, i.e., /gəʊ/ in /ə'gəʊ/, /gɒ/ in

/ə'gɒg/, /gə/ in /'ægə'nɑɪz/, /gɔ/ in /'gɔɪtə(r)/ and /gɔ:/ in /'gɔ:dʒəs/.

The group of same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, i.e., **gra** in different English language words, i.e., **Choreograph**, **Choreography**, **Degrade** and **Epigram** have different pronunciations, i.e., /grɑ:/ in /'kɔəriəgrɑ:f/, /grə/ in /'kɔrɪ'vɒgrəfi/, /greɪ/ in /dɪ'greɪd/ and /græ/ in /'epɪgræm/.

The group of the same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, i.e., **gro** in different English language words, i.e., **Agrochemical**, **Agronomist** and **Aground** have different pronunciations, i.e., /grəʊ/ in /'æggrəʊkɛmɪkl/, /grɒ/ in /ə'grɒnəmɪst/ and /grɑ/ in /ə'grɑʊnd/.

The group of the same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, i.e., **grou** in different English language words, i.e., **Grouping** and **Grouse** have different pronunciations, i.e., /gru:/ in /'gru:pɪŋ/ and /grɑʊ/ in /grɑʊs/.

Some more examples of the above-mentioned items, i.e., ga, ge, gi, go, gra, gro and grou together with some more examples of the groups of same letters, starting with the alphabet ‘G’, in different English language words, having different pronunciations, have been presented with English language words and their phonetic transcriptions as follows:

Table 1: Alphabet ‘G’ and Specifications with Examples

S. N.	Groups of Same Letters	Different Pronunciations	Examples	
			Words	Phonetic Transcriptions
1	ga	/gə/	Cigarette	/ˌsɪɡəˈret/
		/geɪ/	Conjugate	/ˈkɒndʒəˌgeɪt/
		/gə/	Delegate	/ˈdelɪɡət/
		/geɪ/	Delegate	/ˈdelɪɡeɪt/
		/geɪ/	Gable	/ˈɡeɪbl/
		/gɑː/	Gala	/ˈɡɑːlə/
		/gə/	Galore	/gəˈlɔː(r)/
		/g/	Illegal	/ɪˈliːɡl/
		/gæ/	Illegality	/ɪlɪˈɡæləti/
		/geɪ/	Interrogate	/ɪnˈterəˌgeɪt/
		/gə/	Interrogative	/ɪnˈtɜːrəˌɡetɪv/
		/geɪ/	Investigation	/ɪnˈvestɪˌgeɪʃn/
		/gə/	Investigative	/ɪnˈvestɪɡetɪv/
		/g/	Legal	/ˈliːɡl/
		/gæ/	Legality	/liːˈɡæləti/
		/gə/	Litigant	/ˈlɪtɪɡənt/
		/geɪ/	Litigate	/ˈlɪtɪɡeɪt/
		/gə/	Navigable	/ˈnævɪɡəbəl/
		/geɪ/	Navigate	/ˈnævɪɡeɪt/
		/gə/	Organ	/ˈɔːɡən/
		/gæ/	Organic	/ɔːˈɡæənɪk/
		/gə/	Organization	/ˌɔːɡənəɪˈzeɪʃn/
		/gæ/	Orgasm	/ˈɔːɡæzəm/
		/gæ/	Propaganda	/ˌprɒpəˈɡændə/
		/geɪ/	Propagate	/ˈprɒpəˌgeɪt/
		/g/	Regal	/ˈriːɡl/
		/gɑː/	Regard	/rɪˈɡɑːd/
		/gæ/	Regatta	/rɪˈɡætə/
/gə/	Vulgar	/ˈvʌlɡə(r)/		
/gæ/	Vulgarity	/vʌlˈɡærəti/		
2	gau	/ɡɑː/	Gaudy	/ˈɡɑːdi/
		/geɪ/	Gauge	/ɡeɪdʒ/
3	gaze	/geɪz/	Gaze	/ɡeɪz/
		/gəze/	Gazette	/ɡəˈzet/

4	ge	/dʒə/	Carcinogen	/kɑ:ˈsmədʒən/
		/dʒe/	Carcinogenic	/ˈkɑ:sməˈdʒenɪk/
		/dʒə/	Forgery	/ˈfɔ:dʒəri/
		/dʒe/	Gel	/dʒel/
		/dʒə/	Generic	/dʒəˈnerɪk/
		/dʒi:/	Ingenious	/ɪmˈdʒi:niəs/
		/dʒe/	Ingest	/ɪmˈdʒest/
		/dʒə/	Manageress	/ˌmænɪdʒəˈres/
		/dʒə/	Progeny	/ˈprɒdʒəni/
		/dʒe/	Progesterone	/prəˈdʒestərəʊn/
5	geo	/dʒɒ/	Geography	/dʒɪˈɒɡrəfi/
		/dʒi:ə/	Geographical	/ˌdʒi:əˈɡræfɪkl/
6	gge	/gɪ/	Jagged	/ˈdʒæɡɪd/
		/gə/	Jaggery	/ˈdʒæɡəri/
7	ggre	/ɡrɪ/	Aggregate	/ˈæɡrɪɡət/
		/ɡre/	Aggression	/əˈɡresʃn/
8	ghe	/gɜ:/	Gherkin	/ˈgɜ:kɪn/
		/ge/	Ghetto	/ˈɡetəʊ/
9	gi	/dʒɪ/	Gibberish	/ˈdʒɪbəriʃ/
		/dʒaɪ/	Gigantic	/dʒaɪˈɡæntɪk/
		/dʒə/	Illegible	/ɪˈledʒəbl/
		/dʒɪ/	Illegitimate	/ɪləˈdʒɪtəmət/
		/dʒə/	Legible	/ˈledʒəbl/
		/dʒɪ/	Legislate	/ˈledʒɪsleɪt/
		/dʒɪ/	Origin	/ˈɒrɪdʒɪn/
		/dʒə/	Original	/əˈrɪdʒənl/
10	gla	/ɡleɪ/	Glacial	/ˈɡleɪʃl/
		/ɡlæ/	Glacier	/ˈɡlæsiə(r)/
		/ɡla:/	Glance	/ɡlɑ:ns/
		/ɡleə/	Glare	/ɡleə(r)/
11	gli	/ɡlɪ/	Glib	/ɡlɪb/
		/ɡlaɪ/	Glide	/ɡlaɪd/
12	glo	/ɡləʊ/	Global	/ˈɡləʊbl/
		/ɡləʊ/	Globule	/ˈɡləʊbjʊ:l/
13	glu	/ɡlu:/	Glucose	/ˈɡlu:kəʊs/
		/ɡlʌ/	Glum	/ɡlʌm/
14	gna	/nɑ:/	Gnarled	/nɑ:ld/
		/næ/	Gnash	/næʃ/
		/nɔ:/	Gnaw	/nɔ:/

15	gni	/gnɪ/	Cognition	/kɒɡ'niʃn/
		/gnə/	Cognitive	/'kɒɡnətɪv/
16	go	/gɒ/	Argon	/'ɑ:gɒn/
		/gəʊ/	Argot	/'ɑ:gəʊ/
		/gɒ/	Categorical	/'kætə'gɒrɪkl/
		/gə/	Categorize	/'kætəgəraɪz/
		/gəʊ/	Go	/gəʊ/
		/gɒ/	Godforsaken	/'gɒdfəseɪkən/
		/gə/	Gorilla	/'gɒ'rɪlə/
17	goi	/gəʊ/	Going	/'gəʊɪŋ/
		/gɔɪ/	Goiter	/'gɔɪtə(r)/
18	goose	/gu:s/	Goose	/gu:s/
		/guz/	Gooseberry	/'guzbəri/
19	gou	/gau/	Gouge	/gəʊdʒ/
		/gu:/	Goulash	/'gu:læʃ/
		/guə/	Gourd	/gəʊəd/
20	gra	/grə/	Degradation	/'deɪgrə'deɪʃn/
		/grə/	Emigrant	/'emɪgrənt/
		/gret/	Emigrate	/'emɪgret/
		/gra:/	Epigraph	/'epɪgrɑ:f/
		/grə/	Geography	/'dʒɪ'ɒɡrəfi/
		/græ/	Geographical	/'dʒɪ:ə'græfɪkl/
		/græ/	Grab	/'græb/
		/gret/	Grace	/'grets/
		/grə/	Graffiti	/'grə'fɪ:ti/
		/gra:/	Graft	/'grɑ:ft/
		/grə/	Immigrant	/'ɪmɪgrənt/
		/gret/	Immigrate	/'ɪmɪgret/
		/gret/	Ingratiate	/'m'grɛɪʃɪət/
		/græ/	Ingratitude	/'m'grætɪtju:d/
		/grə/	Integral	/'ɪntɪgrəl/
		/gret/	Integrate	/'ɪntɪgret/
		/grə/	Migrant	/'maɪgrənt/
		/gret/	Migrate	/'maɪ'gret/
		/gra:/	Photograph	/'fəʊtəgrɑ:f/
		/grə/	Photographer	/'fə'tɒɡrəfə(r)/
		/græ/	Photographic	/'fəʊtə'græfɪk/
		/græ/	Telegram	/'telɪgræm/
		/gra:/	Telegraph	/'telɪgrɑ:f/

21	gre	/grɪ/	Gregarious	/grɪ'geəriəs/
		/grə/	Grenade	/grə'neɪd/
		/greɪ/	Grey	/greɪ/
22	grea	/grɪ:/	Greasy	/'grɪ:si/
		/greɪ/	Great	/greɪt/
23	gri	/grɪ/	Grille	/grɪl/
		/graɪ/	Grimy	/'grɑ:mi/
24	gro	/grəʊ/	Groceries	/'grəʊsərɪz/
		/grɒ/	Groggy	/'grɒɡi/
25	grou	/graʊ/	Playground	/'pleɪgraʊnd/
		/gru:/	Playgroup	/'pleɪgru:p/
26	grow	/grəʊ/	Grow	/grəʊ/
		/graʊ/	Growl	/graʊl/
27	grue	/gru:ə/	Gruelling	/'gru:əlɪŋ/
		/gru:/	Gruesome	/'gru:səm/
28	gu	/gɜ:/	Gurgle	/'gɜ:ɡl/
		/'gʊ/	Guru	/'gʊru:/
		/ɡjə/	Regular	/'regjələ(r)/
		/ɡju/	Regulate	/'regjuleɪt/
29	gua	/gwa:/	Guano	/'gwa:nəʊ/
		/gæ/	Guarantee	/'gærən'ti:/
		/ɡɑ:/	Guard	/'ɡɑ:d/
30	gue	/gə/	Guerrilla	/'gə'rɪlə/
		/geɪ/	Guess	/'ges/
31	gui	/ɡaɪ/	Guided	/'ɡaɪdɪd/
		/ɡɪ/	Guild	/'ɡɪld/
32	gy	/dʒɪ/	Gymnastics	/'dʒɪm'næstɪks/
		/ɡaɪ/	Gynaecology	/'ɡamə'kɒlədʒɪ/
		/dʒaɪ/	Gyroscope	/'dʒaɪrə'skəʊp/

The above thirty-two groups of same letters with one hundred and seventy-six examples, including English language words and their phonetic transcriptions, clearly state that there are different pronunciations of the groups of same letters, starting with the alphabet 'G', in different English language words.

Conclusion

It can be deduced from the findings of the study that the groups of the same letters, starting with

the alphabet 'G', in different English language words, having different pronunciations, exist and these contribute to substantiating the hypothesis and reaching the objectives of the present study. Besides, thirty-two groups of the same letters, starting with the alphabet 'G', i.e., ga, gau, gaze, ge, geo, gge, ggre, ghe, gi, gla, gli, glo, glu, gna, gni, go, goi, goose, gou, gra, gre, grea, gri, gro, grou, grow, grue, gu, gua, gue, gui and gy in different one hundred and seventy-six English

language words, having different pronunciations, will complement the non-native users of English language to become capable in the select domain of discussion. Succinctly, it can be pointed out that the examination and presentation of the groups of same letters, starting with the alphabet 'G', in different English language words having different pronunciations, their careful phonetic transcription analysis and theoretical data explanation unquestionably substantiate the chosen topic of the present study.

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