

A Study of Pronunciation Variations in the Group of Same Letters Beginning with 'L' Alphabet in Various English Words

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Abstract

This study elaborates the pronunciation variations in the group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet in various English words. The group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet in various English words, having pronunciation variations, are eighteen in numbers which are - la, lau, lde, le, lea, leo, li, lia, lie, lig, lla, lle, lli, llo, llu, lo, lu and ly. These eighteen groups of same letters beginning with the select 'L' alphabet in various English words, having pronunciation variations, have been notified with two hundred and sixty-three examples including English words and their phonetic transcriptions which will assist in enhancing the English language learners' understanding in the select matter of exploration. The hypothesis, objectives, methodology, significance and findings of this study have been incorporated. The end part of this article is the conclusion and references.

Keywords: Elaborate, Enhance, Exploration, Understanding, Variations.

Introduction:

The English language appears to be difficult as it has a group of same letters in various words having pronunciation variations. No one can pronounce the English word correctly after encountering that word first time without consulting / referring the exact relevant sources like teachers, native speakers, dictionaries, online sources, etc. due to the pronunciation variations in the group of same letters in various English words. This study is an attempt to notify some of such group of same letters in various English words having pronunciation variations. As the select topic of this study is limited to the 'L' alphabet beginning group of same letters, there are eighteen group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet, i.e., la, lau, lde, le, lea, leo, li, lia, lie, lig, lla, lle, lli, llo, llu, lo, lu and ly in various two hundred and sixty-three English words having pronunciation variations. These have been elaborated suitably with phonetic transcriptions.

Hypothesis:

There are pronunciation variations in the group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet in various English words.

Objectives:

- To notify the group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet in various English words having pronunciation variations.
- To elaborate them with examples including English words and their phonetic transcriptions.

Methodology:

Deliberate sampling method is used while selecting the present topic and samples. The qualitative research method is used while presenting the data.

Significance:

This study is significant as it enables the learners of English language to peruse the pronunciation variations in the eighteen group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet in various two hundred and sixty-three English words. It offers a better opportunity to English language learners to find all such items at one place and assists them in enhancing their understanding in the select matter of exploration.

Findings:

The group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet in various English words, having pronunciation variations, are eighteen in numbers which are elaborated, with two hundred and sixty-three examples including English words and their phonetic transcriptions, as follows:

Table - 1 'L' Alphabet and Particulars with Pronunciation Variations

S. N.	Group of Same Letters	Pronunciation Variations	Examples	
			Words	Phonetic Transcriptions
1	la	/lɑ:/	<u>Al</u> arm	/ə' <u>l</u> ɑ:m/
		/læ/	<u>Al</u> as	/ə' <u>l</u> æs/
		/lə/	Circ <u>ul</u> ar	/' sɜ:kjə <u>l</u> (r)/
		/leɪ/	Circ <u>ul</u> ate	/' sɜ:kjə <u>l</u> ert/
		/læ/	Dil <u>ap</u> idated	/dɪ' <u>l</u> æpɪdeɪtɪd/
		/leɪ/	Dil <u>at</u> e	/daɪ' <u>l</u> ert/
		/læ/	El <u>as</u> ticity	/' i:læ' stɪsətɪ/
		/leɪ/	El <u>at</u> ed	/' i' <u>l</u> ertɪd/
		/lə/	Form <u>ul</u> a	/' fɔ:mjə <u>l</u> ə/
		/leɪ/	Form <u>ul</u> ate	/' fɔ:mj <u>l</u> ert/
		/lə/	Gran <u>ul</u> ar	/' grænjə <u>l</u> (r)/
		/leɪ/	Gran <u>ul</u> ated sugar	/' grænj <u>l</u> ertɪd 'fʊgə(r)/
		/leə/	Hil <u>ar</u> ious	/' hɪ' <u>l</u> əriəs/
		/læ/	Hil <u>ar</u> ity	/' hɪ' <u>l</u> ærətɪ/
		/lə/	Jubil <u>an</u> t	/' dʒu:br <u>l</u> ənt/
		/leɪ/	Jubil <u>at</u> ion	/' dʒu:br ' <u>l</u> eɪʃn/

		/leɪ/	L abial	/ˈleɪbiəl/
		/lə/	L aboratory	/ləˈbɒrətəri/
		/læ/	L abyrinth	/ˈlæbərɪnθ/
		/lɑː/	L ager	/ˈlɑːgə(r)/
		/leɪ/	Legis l ation	/ˌledʒɪsˈleɪʃn/
		/lə/	Legis l ative	/ˌledʒɪsləˈtɪv/
		/lə/	Mal l ady	/ˈmælədi/
		/leə/	Mal l aria	/məˈleəriə/
		/leɪ/	Manip l ate	/məˈnɪpjuleɪt/
		/lə/	Manip l ative	/məˈnɪpjələˈtɪv/
		/lə/	Mol l ar	/ˈməʊlə(r)/
		/læ/	Mol l asses	/məˈlæsɪz/
		/læ/	Out l andish	/aʊtˈlændɪʃ/
		/lɑː/	Out l ast	/ˌaʊtˈlɑːst/
		/lə/	Pal l ate	/ˈpælət/
		/leɪ/	Pal l atial	/pəˈleɪʃəl/
		/lə/	Pop l ular	/ˈpɒpjələ(r)/
		/læ/	Pop l ularity	/ˌpɒpjʊˈlærəti/
		/leɪ/	Pop l ulate	/ˈpɒpjuleɪt/
		/lə/	Reg l ular	/ˈregjələ(r)/
		/leɪ/	Reg l ulate	/ˈregjuleɪt/
		/læ/	Rel l apse	/rɪˈlæps/
		/leɪ/	Rel l ate	/rɪˈleɪt/
		/lə/	Rel l ative	/ˈreləˈtɪv/
		/lə/	Sim l ilar	/ˈsɪmələ(r)/
		/læ/	Sim l ilarity	/ˌsɪməˈlærəti/
		/lə/	Stim l ulant	/ˈstɪmjələnt/
		/leɪ/	Stim l ulate	/ˈstɪmjuleɪt/
		/lə/	Tab l ular	/ˈtæbjələ(r)/
		/leɪ/	Tab l ulate	/ˈtæbjuleɪt/
		/lə/	Vig l ilant	/ˈvɪdʒɪlənt/
		/læ/	Vig l itante	/ˌvɪdʒɪˈlænti/
2	lau	/lɑː/	L aughter	/ˈlɑːftə(r)/
		/ləʊ/	L aunch	/ləʊˈnɪʃ/
3	lde	/ldə/	E lderly	/ˈeldəli/
		/ldɪ/	E ldest	/ˈeldɪst/
4	le	/l/	A le	/eɪl/
		/lɜː/	A lert	/əˈlɜːt/
		/liː/	A thlete	/ˈæθliːt/
		/le/	A thletic	/æθˈletɪk/
		/lɪ/	Cele l bration	/ˌselɪˈbreɪʃn/
		/le/	Cele l brity	/səˈlebrəti/
		/lə/	Cel l ery	/ˈseləri/
		/lə/	Chol l era	/ˈkɒləərə/
		/le/	Chol l esterol	/kəˈlestərɒl/

		/lɪ/	De <u>l</u> egation	/ˌdɛlɪˈɡeɪʃn/
		/li:/	De <u>l</u> ete	/dɪˈli:t/
		/le/	Ele <u>l</u> ectrostatic	/ɪˌlɛktrəʊˈstætɪk/
		/lɪ/	E <u>l</u> egant	/ˈɛlɪɡənt/
		/lə/	E <u>l</u> egy	/ˈɛlədʒi/
		/le/	Le <u>l</u> egacy	/ˈlɛɡəsi/
		/li:/	Le <u>l</u> egal	/ˈli:ɡl/
		/l/	Mo <u>l</u> e	/məʊl/
		/lɪ/	Mo <u>l</u> ecule	/ˈmɒlɪkjʊ:l/
		/le/	Mo <u>l</u> est	/məˈlest/
		/l/	Pa <u>l</u> e	/peɪl/
		/lə/	Pa <u>l</u> ette	/ˈpælət/
		/lɪ/	Re <u>l</u> egate	/ˈrelɪɡeɪt/
		/le/	Re <u>l</u> ent	/rɪˈlent/
		/lə/	Re <u>l</u> evant	/ˈreləvənt/
		/l/	Sup <u>l</u> e	/ˈsʌpl/
		/lɪ/	Sup <u>l</u> ement	/ˈsʌplɪmənt/
		/lɪ/	Te <u>l</u> egraph	/ˈtelɪɡrɑ:f/
		/le/	Te <u>l</u> eopathy	/təˈlepəθi/
		/l/	Va <u>l</u> e	/veɪl/
		/lɪ/	Va <u>l</u> ediction	/ˌvæliˈdɪkʃən/
		/lə/	Va <u>l</u> ency	/ˈveɪlənsi/
5	lea	/li:/	Le <u>l</u> ad	/li:d/
		/le/	Le <u>l</u> ad	/led/
		/lɜ:/	Le <u>l</u> arn	/lɜ:n/
		/le/	Un <u>l</u> eaded	/ʌnˈledɪd/
		/li:/	Un <u>l</u> eash	/ʌnˈli:f/
6	leo	/le/	Le <u>l</u> opard	/ˈlepəd/
		/li:ə/	Le <u>l</u> opard	/ˈli:ətɑ:d/
7	li	/lɪ/	A <u>l</u> ir <u>l</u> ift	/ˈeəlɪft/
		/laɪ/	A <u>l</u> ir <u>l</u> ine	/ˈeəlaɪn/
		/li/	A <u>l</u> ias	/ˈɛɪliəs/
		/lə/	A <u>l</u> ibi	/ˈæləbaɪ/
		/lɪ/	A <u>l</u> imentary canal	/ˌæɪməntəri kəˈnæl/
		/lɪ/	Com <u>l</u> mercialism	/kəˈmɜ:ʃəɪzəm/
		/laɪ/	Com <u>l</u> mercialize	/kəˈmɜ:ʃəɪz/
		/lɪ/	E <u>l</u> icit	/iˈlɪsɪt/
		/li:/	E <u>l</u> ite	/eɪˈli:t/
		/lə/	En <u>l</u> ightenment	/ɪnˈlaɪtnmənt/
		/lɪ/	En <u>l</u> ist	/ɪnˈlɪst/
		/lɪ/	E <u>l</u> eylid	/ˈaɪlɪd/
		/laɪ/	E <u>l</u> eyliner	/ˈaɪlaɪnə(r)/
		/lɪ/	Fac <u>l</u> ilitate	/fəˈsɪlɪteɪt/
		/lə/	Fac <u>l</u> ility	/fəˈsɪləti/
		/lɪ/	Fin <u>l</u> alist	/ˈfaɪnəlɪst/

/laɪ/	Finalize	/'fainəlaɪz/
/la/	Floodlight	/'flʌdlaɪt/
/lɪ/	Floodlit	/'flʌdlɪt/
/li/	Foliage	/'fəʊliɪdʒ/
/lɪ/	Folic acid	/'fɒlɪk 'æsɪd/
/li/	Humiliate	/'hju:'mɪliet/
/lə/	Humility	/'hju:'mɪləti/
/lɪ/	Idealism	/'aɪ'di:əlaɪzəm/
/laɪ/	Idealize	/'aɪ'di:əlaɪz/
/lɪ/	Industrialist	/'ɪn'dʌstriəlɪst/
/laɪ/	Industrialize	/'ɪn'dʌstriəlaɪz/
/lə/	Legality	/'li:gələti/
/laɪ/	Legalize	/'li:gəlaɪz/
/laɪ/	Libel	/'laɪbl/
/lɪ/	Liberal	/'lɪbərəl/
/læ/	Lingerie	/'lænzəri/
/lɪ/	Malice	/'mæls/
/laɪ/	Malign	/'mə'laɪn/
/lɪ/	Materialism	/'mə'tɪəriəlaɪzəm/
/laɪ/	Materialize	/'mə'tɪəriəlaɪz/
/lɪ/	Militant	/'mɪlɪtənt/
/lə/	Military	/'mɪlətri/
/lɪ/	Moralistic	/'mɒrə'lɪstɪk/
/lə/	Morality	/'mɒrə'æləti/
/laɪ/	Moralize	/'mɒrəlaɪz/
/lə/	Nationality	/'næʃə'næləti/
/laɪ/	Nationalize	/'næʃnəlaɪz/
/lə/	Normality	/'nɔ:'mæləti/
/laɪ/	Normalize	/'nɔ:məlaɪz/
/laɪ/	Outline	/'aʊtlaɪn/
/lɪ/	Outlive	/'aʊt'lɪv/
/lə/	Personality	/'pɜ:sə'næləti/
/laɪ/	Personalize	/'pɜ:sənəlaɪz/
/li:/	Police	/'pə'li:s/
/lə/	Policy	/'pɒləsi/
/laɪ/	Polite	/'pə'laɪt/
/lɪ/	Qualitative	/'kwɒlɪtətɪv/
/lə/	Quality	/'kwɒləti/
/li/	Salient	/'seɪlɪənt/
/laɪ/	Saline	/'seɪlaɪn/
/lɪ/	Solicitor	/'sə'lɪsɪtə(r)/
/lə/	Solitary	/'sɒlətri/
/lə/	Speciality	/'speʃi'æləti/
/laɪ/	Specialize	/'speʃəlaɪz/
/lə/	Stability	/'stə'bɪləti/

		/laɪ/	Stabil <u>ize</u>	/'sterbəl <u>aɪ</u> z/
		/laɪ/	Steril <u>ize</u>	/'sterəl <u>aɪ</u> z/
		/lɪ/	Sterl <u>ing</u>	/'stɜ:l <u>ɪ</u> ŋ/
		/lɪ/	Symbol <u>ic</u>	/sɪm'bɒl <u>ɪ</u> k/
		/laɪ/	Symbol <u>ize</u>	/'sɪmbəl <u>aɪ</u> z/
		/laɪ/	Unl <u>ikely</u>	/ʌn' <u>l</u> aɪkli/
		/lɪ/	Unl <u>imited</u>	/ʌn' <u>l</u> ɪmɪtɪd/
		/lə/	Util <u>ity</u>	/'ju:t <u>ɪ</u> ləti/
		/laɪ/	Util <u>ize</u>	/'ju:t <u>aɪ</u> z/
8	lia	/liɪə/	Concili <u>ation</u>	/kən' <u>s</u> ɪli'eiʃn/
		/liə/	Concili <u>atory</u>	/kən' <u>s</u> ɪliətəri/
		/liə/	Famili <u>ar</u>	/fə'mɪliə(r)/
		/lɪæ/	Famili <u>arity</u>	/fə'mɪlɪ'ærəti/
9	lie	/laɪ/	Bel <u>ie</u>	/'bɪ' <u>l</u> aɪ/
		/li:/	Bel <u>ief</u>	/'bɪ' <u>l</u> i:f/
10	lig	/laɪ/	L <u>ightweight</u>	/' <u>l</u> aɪtweɪt/
		/lɪg/	L <u>ignite</u>	/' <u>l</u> ɪgnait/
11	lla	/læ/	Coll <u>aborate</u>	/kə' <u>l</u> æbəreɪt/
		/lɑ:/	Coll <u>age</u>	/'kɒlɑ:ʒ/
		/lə/	Coll <u>agen</u>	/'kɒlədʒən/
		/leɪ/	Coll <u>ate</u>	/kə' <u>l</u> ert/
		/læ/	Monosyll <u>abic</u>	/'mɒnəsɪ' <u>l</u> æbɪk/
		/lə/	Monosyll <u>able</u>	/'mɒnəsɪlə <u>l</u> əbl/
12	lle	/le/	Al <u>lege</u>	/ə' <u>l</u> edʒ/
		/li:/	Al <u>legiance</u>	/ə' <u>l</u> i:dʒəns/
		/lə/	Al <u>legory</u>	/'æləgəri/
		/lɜ:/	Al <u>lergic</u>	/ə' <u>l</u> ɜ:dʒɪk/
		/lə/	Ball <u>erina</u>	/'bælə'ri:nə/
		/leɪ/	Ball <u>et</u>	/'bæleɪ/
		/lɪ/	Bull <u>et</u>	/'bʊlɪt/
		/lə/	Bull <u>etin</u>	/'bʊlətɪn/
		/le/	Coll <u>ector</u>	/kə' <u>l</u> ektə(r)/
		/lɪ/	Coll <u>ege</u>	/'kɒlɪdʒ/
		/lɪ/	Il <u>legality</u>	/' <u>l</u> ɪgæləti/
		/le/	Il <u>legible</u>	/'ɪl <u>l</u> edʒəbl/
		/lə/	Il <u>legitimate</u>	/' <u>l</u> ɪlə'dʒɪtəmət/
		/le/	Mill <u>ennium</u>	/'mɪ' <u>l</u> eniəm/
		/lɪ/	Mill <u>et</u>	/'mɪlɪt/
		/l/	Skil <u>led</u>	/'skɪl <u>l</u> d/
		/lɪ/	Skil <u>let</u>	/'skɪl <u>l</u> ɪt/
13	lli	/lə/	Poll <u>inate</u>	/'pɒləneɪt/
		/lɪ/	Poll <u>ing</u>	/'pəʊlɪŋ/
14	llo	/lə/	Allo <u>cate</u>	/'æləkeɪt/
		/lɒ/	All <u>ot</u>	/ə' <u>l</u> ɒt/
		/la/	All <u>ow</u>	/ə' <u>l</u> aʊ/

		/lɔ/	Alloy	/'æləɪ/
		/lə/	Collocation	/,kɒlə'keɪʃn/
		/ləʊ/	Colloquial	/kə'ləʊkwɪəl/
		/lɒ/	Shallot	/ʃə'lɒt/
		/lə/	Shallow	/'ʃæləʊ/
15	llu	/ljə/	Cellular	/'seljələ(r)/
		/lju/	Cellulose	/'seljələʊs/
		/lu:/	Illusory	/'ɪlu:səri/
		/lə/	Illustrate	/'ɪləstreɪt/
16	lo	/ləʊ/	Alone	/ə'ləʊn/
		/lɒ/	Along	/ə'lɒŋ/
		/lɒ/	Analogue	/'ænələg/
		/lə/	Analogy	/ə'nælədʒi/
		/lɒ/	Belongings	/'bɪ'lɒŋɪŋz/
		/lʌ/	Beloved	/'bɪ'lʌvd/
		/lɒ/	Biological	/'baɪə'lɒdʒɪkl/
		/lə/	Biologist	/'baɪə'nɒlədʒɪst/
		/lɒ/	Chronological	/'krɒnə'lɒdʒɪkl/
		/lə/	Chronology	/'krɒ'nɒlədʒi/
		/ləʊ/	Cologne	/kə'ləʊn/
		/lə/	Colonist	/'kɒlənɪst/
		/lɒ/	Colossal	/kə'lɒsl/
		/lə/	Dislocate	/'dɪsləkeɪt/
		/lɒ/	Dislodge	/'dɪslɒdʒ/
		/lə/	Elocution	/'elə'kju:ʃn/
		/lɒ/	Elongate	/'i:lɒŋgeɪt/
		/ləʊ/	Elope	/'ɪləʊp/
		/ləʊ/	Halo	/'heɪləʊ/
		/lə/	Halogen	/'hælədʒən/
		/ləʊ/	Kilo-	/'kɪləʊ/
		/lə/	Kilohertz	/'kɪləhɜ:ts/
		/lɒ/	Lobby	/'lɒbi/
		/ləʊ/	Lobe	/ləʊb/
		/lʌ/	Lovable	/'lʌvəbl/
		/lɒ/	Melodic	/'mə'lɒdɪk/
		/ləʊ/	Melodious	/'mə'ləʊdiəs/
		/lə/	Melodrama	/'melədra:mə/
		/lɒ/	Pathological	/'pæθə'lɒdʒɪkl/
		/lə/	Pathologist	/'pæ'θɒlədʒɪst/
		/lə/	Pharmacology	/'fɑ:mə'kɒlədʒi/
		/lɒ/	Pharmacological	/'fɑ:məkə'lɒdʒɪkl/
		/ləʊ/	Philo	/'fɪləʊ/
		/lɒ/	Philosopher	/'fɪlə'sɒfə(r)/
		/lə/	Philosophical	/'fɪlə'sɒfɪkl/
		/lɒ/	Psychological	/'saɪkə'lɒdʒɪkl/

		/lə/	Psycholo <u>g</u> ist	/saɪ'kɒlədʒɪst/		
		/lə/	Toxicolo <u>g</u> y	/ˌtɒksɪ'kɒlədʒi/		
		/lə/	Toxicolo <u>g</u> ical	/ˌtɒksɪkə'lədʒɪkl/		
17	lu	/lə/	Al <u>u</u> m	/ˈæləm/		
		/lʌ/	Al <u>u</u> mna	/ə'ləmnə/		
		/lu:/	De <u>l</u> ude	/dɪ'lu:d/		
		/lju:/	De <u>l</u> uge	/ˈdelju:dʒ/		
		/lʌ/	De <u>l</u> uxe	/ˌdɛ'ləks/		
		/lu:/	<u>L</u> ubricant	/ˈlu:bɹɪkənt/		
		/lʌ/	<u>L</u> uck	/lʌk/		
		/ljə/	Sol <u>u</u> ble	/ˈsɒljəbl/		
		/lu:/	Sol <u>u</u> tion	/sə'lu:ʃn/		
		/lju:/	Vol <u>u</u> me	/ˈvɒlju:m/		
		/lu:/	Vol <u>u</u> minous	/və'lu:mɪnəs/		
		/lə/	Vol <u>u</u> ntary	/ˈvɒləntɹi/		
		18	ly	/laɪ/	Ana <u>l</u> yse	/ˈænəlaɪz/
				/lə/	Ana <u>l</u> ysis	/ə'næləsɪs/
/lɪ/	Ana <u>l</u> ytical			/ˌænə'lɪtɪkl/		
/li/	Pol <u>l</u> yster			/ˌpɒli'estə(r)/		
/lɪ/	Pol <u>l</u> ygamy			/pə'liɡəmi/		
/lə/	Psychoana <u>l</u> ysis			/ˌsaɪkəʊə'næləsɪs/		
/lɪ/	Psychoana <u>l</u> yst			/ˌsaɪkəʊə'nælɪst/		

The data, placed in the table, well describes the select topic of the present study. Two hundred and sixty-three examples including English words and their phonetic transcriptions in the table suitably elaborate the eighteen group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet, i.e., la, lau, lde, le, lea, leo, li, lia, lie, lig, lla, lle, lli, llo, llu, lo, lu and ly in various English words having pronunciation variations.

Conclusion

The presentation in this study mentions the eighteen group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet, i.e., la, lau, lde, le, lea, leo, li, lia, lie, lig, lla, lle, lli, llo, llu, lo, lu and ly in various two hundred and sixty-three English words having pronunciation variations. Obviously, they open with the 'L' alphabet and possess pronunciation variations. The hypothesis testing and objectives achievement is obtained by tabulating eighteen group of same letters beginning with 'L' alphabet and two hundred and sixty-three examples including English words and their phonetic transcriptions. In short, this study will assist in enhancing the English language learners' understanding in the select matter of exploration.

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