

Review Article

A Study of Same Letters / Groups of Same Letters Beginning with Alphabets 'A' and 'B' Having Different Pronunciations

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Abstract: This research article finds out same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabets 'A' and 'B' having different pronunciations. Same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabet 'A' having different pronunciations are five in numbers which are: a, ae, aeo, ai and au. Same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabet 'B' having different pronunciations are twenty-five in numbers which are: ba, bbi, be, bea, bee, bei, bi, bio, bla, blea, bli, blo, bloo, bo, boa, bou, bow, bra, brea, bri, bro, broa, broo, bru and bu. These thirty same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with the select alphabets of 'A' and 'B' having different pronunciations have been detailed with two hundred and six examples including words and phonetic transcriptions which will fully assist the learners of English language in making them competent in the select topic of research. The conclusion and reference list have been added.

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INTRODUCTION

The hypothesis of this study is that there are same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabets 'A' and 'B' having different pronunciations and to find out the same is the core objective of this study. As per the aforementioned hypothesis and objective, this study finds out thirty same letters / groups of same letters in different two hundred and six words of English language beginning with alphabets 'A' and 'B' having different pronunciations. Same letters / groups of same letters in different fifty-two words of English language beginning with alphabet 'A' having different pronunciations are five in numbers and same letters / groups of same letters in different one hundred and fifty-four words of English language beginning with alphabet 'B' having different pronunciations are twenty-five in numbers which are: a, ae, aeo, ai, au, ba, bbi, be, bea, bee, bei, bi, bio, bla, blea, bli, blo, bloo, bo, boa, bou, bow, bra, brea, bri, bro, broa, broo, bru and bu. These same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with the select alphabets of 'A' and 'B' having different pronunciations have been detailed with examples including words and phonetic transcriptions. This study is limited to the select alphabets of 'A' and 'B' and thirty same letters / groups of same letters beginning with them. This study is beneficial as it will fully assist the learners of English language in making them competent in the select topic of research.

ALPHABET 'A' AND DETAILS WITH EXAMPLES

/æ/, /ə/, /eɪ/, /ɑː/, /ɔː/ and /ɒ/ are different pronunciations of same letter 'a'; /eə/ and /iː/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters 'ae'; /iəʊ/ and /iːə/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters 'aeo'; /eə/ and /aɪ/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters 'ai'; and /əʊ/ and /ɔː/ are different

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pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘au’. These aforementioned different pronunciations of same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabet ‘A’ have been written with examples including words and phonetic transcriptions as follows:

Table-1: Alphabet ‘A’ and Details with Examples

S. N.	Same Letters / Groups of Same Letters	Different Pronunciations	Examples	
			Words	Phonetic Transcriptions
1	a	/æ/	Ablation	/æb'leɪʃn/
		/ə/	Ablaze	/ə'bleɪz/
		/eɪ/	Able	/'eɪbl/
		/ɑ:/	A la carte	/,ɑ: la: 'kɑ:t/
		/ɔ:/	Albeit	/,ɔ:l'bi:t/
		/ə/	Diagnostic	/,daɪə'gɒstɪk/
		/æ/	Diagonal	/'daɪ'æɡənl/
		/ɒ/	Fiance	/'fi'ɒnsɪ/
		/æ/	Fiasco	/'fi'æskəʊ/
		/ə/	Graduate	/'grædʒuət/
		/eɪ/	Graduate	/'grædʒuɛt/
		/ə/	Haemophilia	/,hi:mə'fɪliə/
		/æ/	Haemophiliac	/,hi:mə'fɪliæk/
		/ə/	Hypochondria	/,haɪpə'kɒndriə/
		/æ/	Hypochondriac	/'haɪpə'kɒndriæk/
		/ə/	Individualism	/,ɪndɪ'vɪdʒu əlɪzəm/
		/æ/	Individuality	/,ɪndɪ'vɪdʒu'æləti/
		/ə/	Insomnia	/'ɪn'sɒmniə/
		/æ/	Insomniac	/'ɪn'sɒmniæk/
		/ə/	Mania	/'meɪniə/
		/æ/	Maniac	/'meɪniæk/
		/ə/	Paediatrician	/,pi:diə'triʃn/
		/æ/	Paediatrics	/,pi:di'ætrɪks/
		/ə/	Peculiar	/'pi'kju:liə(r)/
		/æ/	Peculiarity	/'pi'kju:li'ærəti/
		/ə/	Pianist	/'piənɪst/
		/æ/	Piano	/'pi'ænəʊ/
		/ə/	Psychoanalysis	/,saɪkəʊə'næləsis/
		/æ/	Psychoanalyst	/,saɪkəʊ'ænəlist/
		/ə/	Punctual	/'pʌŋktʃuəl/
		/æ/	Punctuality	/'pʌŋktʃu'æləti/
		/eɪ/	Punctuate	/'pʌŋktʃuɛt/
		/ə/	Radiant	/'reɪdiənt/
		/eɪ/	Radiate	/'reɪdiɛt/
		/ə/	Sexual	/'sekʃuəl/
		/æ/	Sexuality	/'sekʃu'æləti/
		/ə/	Theatre	/'θɪətə(r)/
		/æ/	Theatrical	/'θɪ'ætrɪkl/
		/ə/	Trial	/'traɪəl/
		/æ/	Triangle	/'traɪæŋɡl/
/ə/	Valuables	/'væljuəblz/		
/eɪ/	Valuation	/,vælju'ɛɪʃn/		
/ə/	Variant	/'veəriənt/		
/eɪ/	Variation	/,veəri'ɛɪʃn/		
2	ae	/eə/	Aerodrome	/'eəərədrəm/
		/i:/	Aesthete	/'i:sθi:t/
3	aeo	/iəʊ/	Aeolian	/'i'əʊliən/
		/i:ən/	Aeon	/'i:ən/
4	ai	/eə/	Airy	/'eəri/
		/aɪ/	Aisle	/'aɪl/
5	au	/əʊ/	Aubergine	/'əʊbəʒi:n/
		/ɔ:/	Auburn	/'ɔ:bən /

The details including fifty-two examples in Table - 1 prove the half part of hypothesis that there are same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabet ‘A’ having different pronunciations.

ALPHABET ‘B’ AND DETAILS WITH EXAMPLES

/bæ/, /bə/, /beɪ/, /bɔ:/, /bɑ:/, /beə/ and /b/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘ba’; /baɪ/ and /bɪ/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bbi’; /bə/, /be/, /bɪ/, /bi/, /bi:/ and /b/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘be’; /bi:/, /beə/ and /biə/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bea’; /bi:/ and /biə/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bee’; /beɪ/ and /bi:/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bei’; /baɪ/, /bɪ/, /bɜ:/ and /bə/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bi’; /baɪəʊ/, /baɪə/ and /baɪə/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bio’; /blæ/, /bleɪ/, /blɑ:/ and /bleə/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bla’; /bli:/ and /bliə/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘blea’; /blai/ and /bli/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bli’; /blə/, /bləʊ/ and /blə/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘blo’; /blʌ/ and /blu:/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bloo’; /bʊə/, /bʊ/, /bə/, /baʊ/, /bʌ/, /bɔ:/, /bʊ/ and /b/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bo’; /bəʊə/, /bɔ:/ and /bəʊ/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘boa’; /bəʊ/, /baʊ/ and /bu/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bou’; /baʊ/ and /bəʊ/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bow’; /bra:/, /breɪ/, /bræ/, /brə/ and /breə/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bra’; /bri:/, /bre/ and /breɪ/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘brea’; /brɪ/ and /braɪ/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bri’; /brʊ/, /brəʊ/ and /brʌ/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bro’; /brəʊ/ and /brɔ:/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘broa’; /brəʊ/ and /bru:/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘broo’; /brʌ/ and /bru:/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bru’; and /bə/, /bjʊ/, /bjə/, /bʊ/, /bʌ/, /bɜ:/, /bjʊə/, /be/, /bɪ/ and /bjʊ:/ are different pronunciations of the group of same letters ‘bu’. These aforementioned different pronunciations of same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabet ‘B’ have been written with examples including words and phonetic transcriptions as follows:

Table-2: Alphabet ‘B’ and Details with Examples

S. N.	Same Letters / Groups of Same Letters	Different Pronunciations	Examples	
			Words	Phonetic Transcriptions
1	ba	/bæ/	Aback	/ə' bæk/
		/bə/	Abacus	/' æbəkəs/
		/beɪ/	Abate	/ə' beɪt/
		/bæ/	Babble	/' bæbl/
		/beɪ/	Babe	/beɪb/
		/bə/	Baboon	/bə' bu:n/
		/bɔ:/	Bald	/bɔ:ld/
		/bɑ:/	Balm	/bɑ:m/
		/beə/	Barium	/' beəriəm/
		/beə/	Barbarian	/bɑ:' beəriən/
		/bæ/	Barbaric	/bɑ:' bæərɪk/
		/bæ/	Combat	/' kɒmbæt/
		/bə/	Combatant	/' kɒmbətənt /
		/bɑ:/	Embalm	/ɪm' bɑ:m/
		/bæ/	Embankment	/ɪm' bæŋkmənt/
		/beɪ/	Herbaceous	/hɜ:' beɪʃəs/
		/b/	Herbal	/' hɜ:bl/
		/bə/	Probably	/' prɒbəbli/
		/beɪ/	Probation	/prə' beɪʃn/
		/bæ/	Sandbank	/' sændbæŋk/
/bɑ:/	Sandbar	/' sændbɑ:(r)/		
/b/	Verbal	/' vɜ:bl/		
/beɪ/	Verbatim	/vɜ:' beɪtɪm/		
2	bbi	/baɪ/	Rabbi	/' ræbaɪ/
		/bɪ/	Rabbit	/' ræbɪt/
3	be	/bə/	Aberration	/. æbə'reɪʃn/
		/be/	Abet	/ə' bet/
		/bɪ/	Barbecue	/' bɑ: bɪkju:/
		/bə/	Barber	/' bɑ: bə(r)/
		/bi/	Be	/bi/
/be/	Beck	/bek/		

		/bɪ/	Become	/brɪ'kʌm/
		/bi:/	Beta	/ 'bi:tə/
		/bi:/	Diabetes	/ ,daɪə'bi:ti:z/
		/be/	Diabetic	/ ,daɪə'betɪk/
		/bi:/	Disobedient	/ ,dɪsə'bi:diənt/
		/be/	Disobey	/ ,dɪsə'beɪ/
		/be/	Embed	/ɪm'bed/
		/bə/	Ember	/ 'embə(r)/
		/b/	Rebel	/ 'rebl/
		/be/	Rebel	/rɪ'bel/
4	bea	/bi:/	Beach	/bi:tʃ/
		/beə/	Bear	/beə(r)/
		/bɪə/	Beard	/bɪəd/
		/beə/	Unbearable	/ʌn'beərəbl/
		/bi:/	Unbeatable	/ʌn'bi:təbl/
5	bee	/bi:/	Bee	/bi:/
		/bɪə/	Beer	/bɪə(r)/
6	bei	/beɪ/	Beige	/beɪʒ/
		/bi:ɪ/	Being	/ 'bi:ɪŋ/
7	bi	/baɪ/	Abide	/ə'baɪd/
		/bɪ/	Ability	/ə'biləti/
		/baɪ/	Bike	/baɪk/
		/bɪ/	Bikini	/brɪ'ki:ni/
		/bɜ:z/	Birthplace	/ 'bɜ:θpleɪs/
		/bɪ/	Biscuit	/ 'bɪskɪt/
		/baɪ/	Bisect	/baɪ'sekt/
		/bɪ/	Combination	/ ,kɒmbɪ'neɪʃn/
		/baɪ/	Combine	/kəm'baɪn/
		/baɪ/	Immobile	/ɪ'məʊbaɪl/
		/bə/	Immobilize	/ɪ'məʊbəlaɪz/
		/bɪ/	Prohibition	/ ,prəʊɪ'biʃn/
		/bə/	Prohibitive	/prə'hɪbətɪv/
		/bɪ/	Stability	/stə'biləti/
		/bə/	Stabilize	/ 'steɪbəlaɪz/
8	bio	/baɪəʊ/	Biochemist	/ ,baɪəʊ'kemɪst/
		/baɪə/	Biographer	/baɪ'ɒgrəfə(r)/
		/baɪə/	Biological	/baɪə'lɒdʒɪkl/
9	bla	/blæ/	Bladder	/ 'blædə(r)/
		/bleɪ/	Blade	/bleɪd/
		/blɑ:z/	Blanch	/blɑ:ntʃ/
		/bleə/	Blare	/bleə(r)/
10	blea	/bli:/	Bleak	/bli:k/
		/blɪə/	Bleary	/ 'blɪəri/
11	bli	/blaɪ/	Blindfold	/ 'blaɪndfəʊld/
		/blɪ/	Blink	/blɪŋk/
		/blɪ/	Obligatory	/ə'blɪgətəri/
		/blaɪ/	Oblige	/ə'blaɪdʒ/
12	blo	/blɒ/	Blockbuster	/ 'blɒkbəstə(r)/
		/bləʊ/	Bløke	/bləʊk/
		/blɒ/	Blotch	/blɒtʃ/
		/blə/	Blow	/bləʊ/
13	bloo	/blʌ/	Bloody	/ 'blʌdi/
		/blu:/	Bloom	/blu:m/
14	bo	/bəʊ/	Abode	/ə'bəʊd/
		/bʊ/	Abolish	/ə'bəʊlɪʃ/
		/bə/	Abolition	/ ,æbə'lɪʃn/
		/baʊ/	Abound	/ə'baʊnd/
		/bʌ/	Above	/ə'baʊv/
		/bʊ/	Bobsleigh	/ 'bɒbsleɪ/
		/bəʊ/	Bode	/bəʊd/
		/bɔ:/	Boron	/ 'bɔ:rɒn/
		/bʌ/	Borough	/ 'bʌrə/
		/bʊ/	Bosom	/ 'bʊzəm/
		/bʊ/	Carbonic acid	/ka: 'bɒnɪk 'æsɪd/

		/bə/	Carboniferous	/ˌkɑːbənɪfərəs/
		/b/	Symbol	/ˈsɪmbl/
		/bɒ/	Symbolic	/sɪmˈbɒlɪk/
		/bəʊ/	Turbocharger	/ˈtɜːbəʊtʃɑːdʒə(r)/
		/bə/	Turbot	/ˈtɜːbət/
15	boa	/bəʊə/	Boa	/ˈbəʊə/
		/bɔː/	Boar	/bɔː(r)/
		/bəʊ/	Boast	/bəʊst/
16	bou	/bəʊ/	Boulder	/ˈbəʊldə(r)/
		/baʊ/	Bounce	/baʊns/
		/bu/	Bouquet	/buˈkeɪ/
17	bow	/baʊ/	Bow	/baʊ/
		/bəʊ/	Bow	/bəʊ/
18	bra	/brɑː/	Bra	/brɑː/
		/breɪ/	Brace	/breɪs/
		/bræ/	Bracken	/ˈbrækən/
		/brə/	Bravado	/brəˈvɑːdəʊ/
		/brə/	Libra	/ˈlɪbrə/
		/breə/	Librarian	/laɪˈbreəriən/
		/brə/	Library	/ˈlaɪbrəri/
		/brə/	Vibrant	/ˈvaɪbrənt/
		/breɪ/	Vibrate	/vaɪˈbreɪt/
19	brea	/briː/	Breach	/briːtʃ/
		/bre/	Bread	/bred/
		/breɪ/	Break	/breɪk/
		/briː/	Bream	/briːm/
		/bre/	Breast	/brest/
20	bri	/bri/	Brickwork	/ˈbrɪkwɜːk/
		/braɪ/	Bridal	/ˈbraɪdl/
21	bro	/brɒ/	Broccoli	/ˈbrɒkəli/
		/brəʊ/	Bromide	/ˈbrəʊmaɪd/
		/brʌ/	Brother	/ˈbrʌðə(r)/
		/brɒ/	Broth	/brɒθ/
		/brʌ/	Brother	/ˈbrʌðə(r)/
22	broa	/brəʊ/	Broach	/brəʊtʃ/
		/brɔː/	Broad	/brɔːd/
23	broo	/brəʊ/	Brooch	/brəʊtʃ/
		/bruː/	Brood	/bruːd/
24	bru	/brʌ/	Brunch	/brʌntʃ/
		/bruː/	Brunette	/bruːˈnet/
25	bu	/bə/	Album	/ˈælbəm/
		/bjʊ/	Albumen	/ˈælbjʊmɪn/
		/bjə/	Ambulance	/ˈæmbjələns/
		/bʊ/	Ambush	/ˈæmbʊʃ/
		/bʌ/	Buffer	/ˈbʌfə(r)/
		/bʊ/	Buffet	/ˈbʊfeɪ/
		/bɜː/	Burden	/ˈbɜːdn/
		/bjʊə/	Bureau	/ˈbjʊərəʊ/
		/be/	Burial	/ˈberɪəl/
		/bɪ/	Business	/ˈbɪznəs/
		/bjʊː/	Butane	/ˈbjʊːtɛm/
		/bjʊː/	Contribution	/ˌkɒntrɪˈbjʊːʃn/
		/bjə/	Contributor	/kɒnˈtrɪbjətə(r)/
		/bjʊː/	Distribution	/ˌdɪstrɪˈbjʊːʃn/
		/bjə/	Distributor	/dɪˈstrɪbjətə(r)/
		/bjə/	Tabular	/ˈtæbjələ(r)/
		/bjʊ/	Tabulate	/ˈtæbjuleɪt/
		/bjʊː/	Tribunal	/trɪˈbjʊːnl/
		/bjə/	Tributary	/ˈtrɪbjətəri/

The details including one hundred and fifty-four examples in Table - 2 prove the half part of hypothesis that there are same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabet ‘B’ having different pronunciations.

CONCLUSION

A, ae, aeo, ai and au are five same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabet 'A' having different pronunciations which are detailed with fifty-two examples in Table - 1. Ba, bbi, be, bea, bee, bei, bi, bio, bla, blea, bli, blo, bloo, bo, boa, bou, bow, bra, brea, bri, bro, broa, broo, bru and bu are twenty-five same letters / groups of same letters in different words of English language beginning with alphabet 'B' having different pronunciations which are detailed with one hundred and fifty-four examples in Table - 2. The specifications including thirty same letters / groups of same letters in different two hundred and six words of English language beginning with alphabets 'A' and 'B' having different pronunciations, focussed in Table - 1 and Table - 2, prove the hypothesis and will fully assist the learners of English language in making them competent in the select topic of research.

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