

A STUDY ON THE GENDER VARIATIONS IN ESL PRONUNCIATION

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ABSTRACT

Pronunciation is an integral part of language learning since it directly affects learners' communicative competence as well as performance. There are various factors that affect the teaching and learning process of pronunciation. As a part of the study on the factors affecting pronunciation acquisition, it was noted that gender too seemed to play a role in the variation of the sounds. Hence this study was attempted to bring out the variations in the sounds found when learning English as second language.

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