

THE DEGREE OF PHONEMIC VARIATION OF ENGLISH FOR KUWAITI LEARNERS OF THE SECOND LANGUAGE

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to know the degree of phonemic variation of English for Kuwaiti learners of English. So, the purpose here was to search into three objectives, namely to bridge the gap related to the VOT research for Arabic language learners, and to investigate the voices of second-level English language learners in Kuwait. In addition to an endeavor to know the impact of three distinct elements on the VOT produced by Kuwaiti second language learners of English residing in the United Kingdom and British speakers. The study relied on the descriptive analytical method. The researcher chose a group of participants who were distributed into three groups: The first one: the Kuwaiti short stay, the second group was the Kuwaiti long stay, and the third group was the British English group. The study found a set of results that the VOT pattern produced by Kuwaiti second-level English language learners, and it was concluded that they created positive VOT values. Vowel conditions fundamentally impacted the VOT values created by the three gatherings, and VOT of longer values were detected. While in the short vowel, more limited VOT values were seen in this review aside from the Kuwaiti short LOR. Finally, there is an effect of vowel quality on VOT values.

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