Theory Of English Constant In Phonology

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ABSTRACK. *The theory of consonants in English phonology is an important aspect in understanding the sound system in that language. Phonology is the study of how the sounds in language are used to form meaning. In English, consonants and vowels have different roles in forming word structure and sound articulation.Consonants in English are defined as sounds that experience resistance or airflow shift when spoken. There are various types of consonants in English, such as hissing consonants, popping consonants, sliding consonants, and so on. These consonants have certain characteristics, such as the place and manner of articulation, which distinguish one consonant from another.Places of articulation refer to the parts in the mouth or throat that are used to produce consonant sounds. For example, the lips, teeth, tongue, palate, and throat can play a role in the production of consonants. For example, the consonant /p/ is pronounced by bringing the lips together, while the consonant /k/ is pronounced by moving the back palate with the back of the tongue.The manner of articulation refers to the type of resistance or shift in airflow that occurs when pronouncing the consonant. Some examples of how consonants are articulated in English include complete closure of the airflow (eg /p/), partial obstruction of the airflow (eg /s/), or passage of air through the nose (eg /m/). The theory of consonants and vowels in English phonology helps to explain how these sounds form a distinctive language system. Knowledge of the place and manner of consonant articulation, as well as the position of the tongue and the tilt of the vowel lips, allows linguistics to analyze the differences in sounds in English. In the study of phonology, this theory also helps to understand sound patterns, sound changes, and the placement of sounds in words as well as in the broader structure of language.*

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INTRODUCTION

Phonology is a branch of linguistics that studies sound systems in language. In English phonology, consonants and vowels play an important role in forming word structure and sound articulation. Consonants and vowels have different characteristics and affect the way they are pronounced and articulated in English.Consonants are sounds that experience resistance or

airflow shift when spoken. In English, there are various types of consonants such as hissing consonants, popping consonants, and sliding consonants. Each type of consonant has specific characteristics, such as a different place and way of articulation.

Places of articulation refer to the parts in the mouth or throat that are used to produce consonant sounds. Some examples of places of articulation in English include lips, teeth, tongue, palate, and throat. For example, the sound /p/ is pronounced by bringing the lips together, while the sound /k/ is pronounced by moving the back palate and the back of the tongue.The manner of articulation refers to the type of resistance or shift in airflow that occurs when pronouncing the consonant. Some examples of how consonants can be articulated in English include complete closure of the airflow such as /p/, partial obstruction of the airflow such as /s/, or passage of air through the nose such as /m/.

The theory of consonants in English phonology helps to understand the differences between these sounds and how they form the sound system in that language. In the study of phonology, this theory is also used to analyze sound patterns, sound changes, and sound placement in words as well as in the broader structure of language. By understanding the theory of consonants and vowels in English phonology, we can dig deeper into the richness and complexity of sound systems in this language.In the study of English phonology, consonant and vowel theory provides an important framework for understanding how these sounds interact in word formation and the overall structure of language.

One of the important aspects in the theory of consonants is sound changes or sound shifts. In English, there is a sound change phenomenon that can affect the pronunciation of a word. For example, in a process called assimilation, a consonant sound can change according to the consonant sounds around it. For example, in the word "impossible", the sound /n/ is initially pronounced as an alveolar fricative consonant (/n/), but due to the presence of a velar sliding consonant sound (/g/) in the next syllable, the /n/ changes to a sliding consonant. velar (/ŋ/).

Apart from that, the theory of consonants also discusses certain sound patterns that can be found in English. For example, in the reduplication process, certain consonant sounds are repeated to form new words. For example, in the words "daddy" or "mama", the sound /d/ or /m/ is repeated to form words that refer to parents.In English phonology, consonants and vowels also play a role in determining word structure. For example, in determining the pattern of stress in a word, consonants and vowels have different roles. Some vowels have a tendency to draw stress, whereas certain consonants may influence the placement of stress in a word.

In addition, the theory of consonants in English phonology also deals with phenomena such as allophony. Allophony is a variation of sound that occurs depending on the context of pronunciation. For example, the /t/ sound in "top" is pronounced with complete closure of the airflow, but in "stop" it is pronounced with partial resistance to the airflow, becoming /t̪/. This is an example of an allophony being influenced by another dental consonant in the same context.

Overall, the theory of consonants in English phonology provides an important framework for understanding the complex sound systems of this language. Through an understanding of the place and manner of consonant articulation, as well as the height and low position of the tongue and the tilt of the vowel lips, we can analyze sound differences, sound patterns, sound changes, and sound placement in English.

METHOD

According to Moleong (2007: 6) qualitative research is research that intends to understand the phenomenon of what is experienced by research subjects such as behavior, perception,motivation, action and others holistically and by means of descriptions in the form of words and language, in a special natural context by utilizing various methods natural. Qualitative research according to Hendryadi, et. al, (2019:218) is a process naturalistic inquiry that seeks deep understanding of social phenomena experience.

Qualitative research emphasizes quality not quantity and the data collected does not come from questionnaires but comes from interviews, direct observation and other related official documents. Qualitative research is also more concerned with process rather than the results obtained. This is because the relationship between the parts being studied will be much clearer if parts being studied will be much clearer if observed in the process.

These data were obtained from Google Scholars, Google Books, and other websites. with data collection methods by means of observational.

Distinctive Features of English Consonants

Consonants in English have several distinctive features that differentiate one from the other. Some of the distinctive features of English consonants include:

- Places of Articulation: English consonants can be produced by various positions of articulations in the oral cavity. Some examples of places of articulation of consonants include the lips (such as /p/ and /m/), teeth (such as /t/ and /d/), tongue (such as /l/ and /r/), and palate (such as /k / and /g/).

- Ways of Articulation: English consonants can also be produced by different ways of articulation, i.e. how airflow is blocked or obstructed when sounds are pronounced. Some examples of how consonants are articulated include plosives (such as /p/ and /b/), fricatives (such as /s/ and /z/), nasals (such as /m/ and /n/), and laterals (such as /l/).

- Sound Derivation: English consonants can be differentiated based on whether there is voicing or not when the sound is pronounced. There are pairs of consonants that share the same features except for the origin of the sound, such as /p/ (voiceless) and /b/ (voiced) or /t/ (voiceless) and /d/ (voiced).

English Consonant Distribution Pattern

Consonants in English have a certain distribution pattern, which means their occurrence can be limited in certain phonetic and phonological contexts. Some examples of English consonant distribution patterns include:

- Word Beginning, Middle, and End Position: Some consonants tend to appear in word beginning positions, such as /p/ in "pen" or /k/ in "cat". Other consonants are more common in the middle or end of a word, such as /t/ in "bat" or /n/ in "pen".

- Consonant Combinations: English has several distinct consonant combinations, such as /tr/ in "tree" or /st/ in "stop". Some consonant combinations have a limited distribution pattern and occur only in certain words.

English Consonant Phonological Rules

Consonants in English are also subject to phonological rules that affect pronunciation and sound changes. Some of the phonological rules that apply to English consonants include:

- Assimilation: Consonants are subject to assimilation, in which the sound adapts to adjacent consonants or vowels in terms of certain phonetic features. For example, in the word "impossible", the /n/ sound in "in" changes to /m/ due to the influence of the consonant /p/ on the next sound.

- Elision: Consonants may undergo elision, in which the sound is lost or not pronounced in certain situations. For example, in the sentence "an apple", the /n/ sound in "an" is often omitted if the next word starts with a consonant.

- Replacement or Deletion: Some consonants in English can experience sound replacement or deletion in certain words. Examples are the replacement of /θ/ with /t/ in the word "bath" (/bæt/) or the omission of /r/ in certain accents in words such as "car" (/kɑː/).

The distribution patterns and phonological rules of consonants in English play an important role in shaping the sound system of this language.

Phonological Rules

Phonological rules are systematic rules that govern how the sounds of a language interact and change in various linguistic contexts. These rules form the basis of phonology, the branch of linguistics that studies the sound systems in languages.

Phonological rules have an important role in forming the sound system of language. They regulate sound patterns that occur in the language and explain sound changes that occur in certain situations. Phonological rules can apply at all levels of language, from phonemes to specific phonetic features.There are various types of phonological rules that can be found in languages, including:

1. Assimilation: This rule regulates sound changes due to the influence of other adjacent sounds. For example, in Indonesian, the word "nine" (/ nine/) can be assimilated into "sembilan" (/sembilan/) due to the influence of the sound /b/ on the sound /m/.

2. Deletions: This rule regulates sound deletions in certain situations. An example is the omission of the /t/ sound at the end of words in certain accents in English, as in the word "cat" (/kæt/) which is pronounced as /kæ/.

3. Epenthesis: This rule regulates the addition of sounds between certain sounds in a word. For example, in some Javanese dialects, the word "ngebut" (/ŋəbut/) can be epenthesised to "ngebuth" (/ŋəbuth/) to facilitate smoother pronunciation.

4. Metathesis: This rule regulates changes in the order of sounds in a word. An example is the metathesis in English of the word "ask" which in some dialects is pronounced as "aks".

5. Substitution: This rule regulates the replacement of a sound with another sound in certain contexts. For example, in Mandarin, the word "xiǎo" (/ʂjau̯/) meaning "small" can undergo sound changes to "xió" (/ʂjou̯/) when followed by a /u/ sound.

6. Lenition: This rule regulates the change of consonants to softer consonants or to disappear in certain situations. An example is lenisi in Spanish, where the sound /t/ in the word "catorce" (/katoɾθe/) can undergo lenition to become /ð/ so it is pronounced as /kaðoɾθe/.

Phonological rules play an important role in shaping the sound system of language. They help explain sound variations, sound changes, and sound distribution patterns in the language. By studying phonological rules, we can understand the principles underlying the sound system of language and how it sounds-these sounds interact in different linguistic contexts.

Phonological process

Phonological process is a series of sound changes that occur in the sound system of a language. This process involves the transformation of phonetic sounds into phonemic categories that have linguistic meaning and relevance in that language. Phonological Process is one of the important aspects in a branch of linguistics called phonology.

In languages around the world, there are various types of phonological processes that govern sound changes. Some common phonological processes include assimilation, reduplication, deletion, epenthesis, metathesis, lenition, and contraction. Let's examine some of these phonological processes in more detail:

1. Assimilation: This process occurs when a sound is influenced by another nearby sound so that it adapts or resembles that sound. For example, in English, the word "impossible" is pronounced with the sound /ɪmˈpɑsəbəl/ (impossible), where the sound /n/ changes to /m/ under the influence of the adjacent /p/ sound.

2. Reduplication: This process involves repeating sounds or syllables in a word or phrase. Reduplication can be used to form words with multiple meanings or to indicate repetition or intensity. For example, in Indonesian, the word "makan" can be repeated as "makan-makan" to indicate the act of eating repeatedly or frequently.

3. Deletions: This process occurs when sounds or phonemes are omitted or not pronounced in certain situations. For example, in English, some words like "knife" (/naɪf/) or "castle" (/kæsəl/) experience certain sound drops when spoken.

4. Epenthesis: This process involves adding sounds or syllables between existing sounds or syllables. Epenthesis may occur to aid smoother pronunciation or to meet the phonotactic criteria of the language. An example is that in Japanese, the word "kuruma" (/kɯɾɯma/) for "car" has the sound /ɾ/ added between the /k/ and /m/ sounds.

5. Metathesis: This process involves changing the order of sounds in a word. Metathesis can occur for phonetic or phonological reasons. An example is that in English, the word "bird" (/bɜːrd/) comes from an early form of "brid".

6. Lenition: This process involves changing the consonant to a softer sound or disappearing in certain contexts. For example, in Spanish, the sound /b/ at the beginning of a word can lenient into a /β/ sound.

7. Contraction: This process involves joining the combination of two sounds or syllables into one single sound or syllable. Contractions often occur in languages that have phonotactic rules that result in the combination of certain sounds. An example is that in English, the word "can not" often contracts to "can't".

Phonological processes are very important in forming the sound system of language. Through this process, the sounds produced by the phonetic system are categorized into phonemic units that have linguistic relevance. Phonological processes also play a role in shaping dialectical variations and sound changes over time in a language.

Conclusion

The following is a conclusion from the material that has been described:

1. Consonants and vowels are two categories of sounds in a language that differ in how they are pronounced. Consonants involve sound barriers, whereas vowels involve the unobstructed flow of sounds.

2. Consonants in English have distinctive features that distinguish one consonant from another. These features include where sounds are formed, how sounds are formed, and certain phonetic structures.

3. Consonant distribution patterns refer to the locations and contexts in which certain consonants can appear in words or phrases. Each consonant has a unique distribution pattern in that language.

4. Phonological rules play an important role in regulating and explaining sound changes in language. These rules involve phonological processes such as assimilation, deletion, epenthesis, and others.

In order to understand the English sound system in greater depth, it is important to study the features of consonants and vowels, their patterns of distribution, and the phonological rules governing sound changes. This understanding helps us recognize differences in sounds in language, understand patterns of pronunciation that occur, and explain variations in sounds in different contexts.

By studying the theory of consonants in English phonology, we can gain a better understanding of the sound system of this language and how these sounds interact and change in different linguistic contexts.

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