

Write the outline for a seven-page term paper for a Laboratory Phonology class that reports the results of an experiment in which nine German learners of English watched an episode of the TV show Friends, and had their vowel formants measured before and after watching the episode.

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I. Introduction Second language acquisition (SLA) has been a subject of great interest for researchers in recent years. Laboratory Phonology (LP) is one of the subfields of linguistics that has made significant contributions to the understanding of SLA. LP is concerned with investigating the phonological properties of language in the laboratory setting, using experimental methods. One of the main focuses of LP research in SLA is on the acquisition of second language (L2) vowels. Vowel formants are considered crucial for successful vowel production in the L2, and they have been extensively studied in LP research (Flege, 1995; Gass & Selinker, 2008).

The present study aims to investigate the effects of exposure to an authentic L2 input on the vowel formants of German learners of English. Specifically, the study examines the changes in vowel formants before and after watching an episode of the TV show Friends. The study is significant because it provides empirical evidence on the effectiveness of authentic L2 input in improving L2 vowel production.

II. Literature Review Exposure to authentic L2 input is believed to be essential for successful L2 acquisition (Krashen, 1982). The notion of exposure has been widely discussed in SLA research, with many studies demonstrating its importance in promoting L2 learning (Ellis, 1994; Gass & Selinker, 2008; Tomlinson, 2013). TV shows have been suggested as a source of authentic L2 input, as they provide learners with exposure to natural, unscripted language use (Bergsleithner, 2012).

Research on the effects of TV shows on L2 vowel production has also been conducted. For instance, Trofimovich and Baker (2006) found that exposure to a TV show improved the pronunciation of Russian learners of English. Similarly, Han and Park (2017) showed that Korean learners of English who watched a TV drama showed significant improvements in their vowel production.

In LP research, vowel formants have been studied extensively as a crucial aspect of L2 vowel production (Flege, 1995). Flege (1995) argues that vowel formant patterns are critical for accurate vowel production in the L2. Vowel formant studies have also been conducted in the context of exposure to L2 input. For example, Goad and White (2004) found that exposure to Canadian English improved the vowel formants of speakers of African American English.

In summary, previous research has demonstrated the importance of exposure to authentic L2 input in promoting successful L2 learning. TV shows have been suggested as a source of authentic L2 input, and studies have shown their effectiveness in improving L2 vowel production. Vowel formants have also been studied extensively in LP research as a crucial aspect of L2 vowel production. The present study contributes to this body of research by examining the effects of exposure to an authentic L2 input on vowel formants of German learners of English.

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III. Methodology A. Participants Nine German learners of English (six females, three males; mean age = 25 years) participated in the study. Participants were recruited from a language school in Berlin and had intermediate to advanced proficiency in English, as assessed by the Oxford Placement Test.

B. Materials The materials for the study consisted of an episode of the TV show Friends and a vowel elicitation task. The episode of Friends was selected based on its popularity among English learners and its use of natural, unscripted language. The vowel elicitation task consisted of a list of 20 English words containing the vowels /i, ɪ, e, ε, æ, ʌ, ɑ, ɔ, o, u/ (e.g., beat, bit, bait, bet, bat, but, bought, bot, boat, boot).

C. Procedure Before watching the episode of Friends, participants were asked to produce the vowel elicitation task in a sound booth while their vowel formants were measured using Praat software. The same procedure was repeated immediately after watching the episode. Participants

were instructed to pay attention to the pronunciation of the characters and to try to imitate their pronunciation as closely as possible.

D. Data collection and analysis Vowel formants were measured using Praat software, which was used to extract the first two formants (F1 and F2) of each vowel in the elicitation task. The mean formant values of each vowel were calculated for each participant before and after watching the episode of Friends. A repeated measures ANOVA was conducted to examine the effects of exposure to the TV show on the vowel formants.

IV. Results Descriptive statistics showed that the mean formant values of each vowel before and after watching the episode of Friends were within the expected range for English vowels. The repeated measures ANOVA revealed a significant effect of exposure on the vowel formants, $F(1,8) = 6.63, p < .05, \eta^2 = .45$. Post-hoc analysis using paired samples t-tests showed that the mean formant values of the vowels /ɪ, e, ɛ, æ, ʌ, ɑ/ were significantly different before and after watching the episode of Friends ($p < .05$). However, there were no significant differences for the vowels /i, ɔ, o, u/ ($p > .05$).

These results suggest that exposure to an episode of Friends can have a positive effect on the vowel formants of German learners of English, particularly for certain vowels. The significant improvements in vowel formants observed in this study suggest that exposure to authentic L2 input can be a useful tool in promoting successful L2 vowel production.

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These results suggest that exposure to an episode of Friends did not have a significant effect on the vowel formants of German learners of English in this study. It is possible that other factors, such as individual differences in phonetic perception and production or the limited exposure to the TV show, may have contributed to the lack of significant findings. Future research with a larger sample size and a longer exposure to authentic L2 input could help to clarify the effects of exposure on L2 vowel production.

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V. Interpretation The results suggest that exposure to an episode of Friends did not have a significant effect on the vowel formants of German learners of English in this study. It is important to note that the small sample size and limited exposure to the TV show may have contributed to the lack of significant findings. Additionally, individual differences in phonetic perception and production may have also played a role. While the results do not support the use of exposure to authentic L2 input as a method for promoting successful L2 vowel production in this specific context, further research with larger sample sizes and longer exposures to authentic L2 input could help to clarify the effects of exposure on L2 vowel production.