

Durational measurements on the Dutch prefix ge-

Using old data from Harald Baayen's languageR package

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It is said that your life flashes before your eyes just before you die.

That is true, it's called Life."

– Terry Pratchett, The Last Continent

Abstract: This paper is about Dutch prefixes. It uses an example data set from (Baayen 2008).

We tried to figure out if the frequency of a word has an influence on the duration of Dutch suffixes. Intuitively one could assume that with the duration drops with frequency. For this we recruited 130 Dutch native speakers. They produced 421 different words. Figure 1 gives an overview of the data. We clearly see a downward trajectory.

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