Pronunciation Variants

What sequence of letters has the most different pronunciations?

The sequence "ough" has an incredible 28 different pronunciations, 10 of which occur in common words.

These phonetic symbols are used in describing the different pronunciations:

ə: e in "the," u in "humdrum"; ä: o in "bother" and "cot"; aů: ow in "now," ou in "loud"; ō: o in "bone" and "snow"; ȯ: a in "saw" and "all"; ü: u in "rule," oo in "fool"; ů: u in "pull," oo in "wood"; k̲: German ch in "ich-laut"

The ten common words, together with the pronunciation of "ough," are:

ə	BOROUGH, THOROUGH
əf	TOUGH
əp	HICCOUGH
ä	NOUGHT
aů	BOUGH
äf	TROUGH
ō	THOUGH
ȯ	OUGHT
ȯf	COUGH
ü	THROUGH

The remaining eighteen uncommon words are:

ək	TURLOUGH (dialectical, obsolete)
ək̲	BROUGH (dialectical)
əw	BOROUGH, THOROUGH
äft	TROUGH (dialectical)
äk	LOUGH (dialectical)
äk̲	DOUGHT, LOUGH (dialectical)
äth	TROUGH (dialectical)
ōg	SKEOUGH (dialectical, obsolete)
ōk	WOUGH (dialectical, obsolete)
ōk̲	BOUGHT, HOUGH (dialectical)
ȯft	TROUGH (dialectical)
ȯth	TROUGH (dialectical)
üf	SOUGH (dialectical, obsolete)
üg	SLOUGHI
ük	OUGH (obsolete)
ük̲	OUGH
ůf	SOUGH (dialectical, obsolete)
ůk̲	OUGH

jock—shortest common word with last letter next in alphabet after first for letter j (4-t)

johnny-jump-up—longest hyphenated word with typewriter letters from right hand (12-t)—*wild pansy*

join—example of a false antonym beginning with letter j [conjoin]

jokingly—common word containing most consecutive letters in order after letter j (3-t)—common word containing most consecutive letters in the alphabet after letter i (4-t)

jolt—example of a portmanteau, beginning with letter j [joll, jot]

jounced—longest one-syllable word beginning with letter j (7)—*bounced*

joviality—longest common word with consecutive letters adjacent on phone keypad beginning with letter j (9-t)