

Differences between British English and American English

words and phrases			
British English		American English	
angry	mad	jacket potato	baked potato
athletics	track and field	jumper	sweater
autumn	fall	lift	elevator
biscuit	cookie	mark	grade
block of flats	apartment building	Maths	Math
brackets	parentheses	mobile	cell
café	coffee shop	motorbike	motorcycle
campsite	campground	motorway	highway
car park	parking lot	mum	mom
chat show	talk show	note	bill
chips	(French) fries	opposite	across from
cinema	movie theater	pavement	sidewalk
city centre	downtown (area)	PE	gym
cooker/stove	stove	petrol	gas
crisps	potato chips	post code	zip code
doctor's surgery	doctor's office	primary school	elementary school
do the shopping	go grocery shopping	rubbish bin	trash/garbage can
do the washing	do the laundry	rubbish	trash, garbage
do the washing-up	do/wash the dishes	Science student	Science major
fair/blond(e) (hair)	blond(e) (hair)	secondary school	high school
film	movie	shop	store
flat	apartment	shop/sales assistant	salesperson
flatmate	roommate	sofa	couch
full stop	period	soft drink	soda
football	soccer	surname	last name
fridge	refrigerator	sweets	candy
garden	yard	table tennis	ping-pong
give somebody a lift	give somebody a ride	tap	faucet
go to the cinema	go to the movies	the bill	the check
handbag	purse	tick	check
hand luggage	carry-on	torch	flashlight
have a shower	take a shower	trainers	sneakers
holiday	vacation	trousers	pants
hoover	vacuum	underground	subway
ill/sick	sick	wardrobe	closet