

Differences between British English and American English

words and phrases			
British English	American English	British English	American English
aluminium	aluminum	lorry	truck
angry	mad	mark	grade
athletics	track and field	Maths	Math
aubergine	eggplant	mobile	cell
biscuit	cookie	motorbike	motorcycle
block of flats	apartment building	motorway	highway
boot	trunk	mum	mom
brackets	parentheses	newsagent's	newsstand
café	coffee shop	newsreader	anchorman
camper	RV (Recreational vehicle)	note	bill
chat show	talk show	number plate	license plate
chemist's	pharmacy, drugstore	opposite	across from
chips	(French) fries	pavement	sidewalk
cinema	movie theater	petrol	gas
city centre	downtown (area)	post code	zip code
cooker	stove, oven	primary school	elementary school
crisps	potato chips	queue	line
CV	résumé	rubbish	trash, garbage
do the washing	do the laundry	Science student	Science major
do the washing-up	do/wash the dishes	secondary school	high school
doctor's surgery	doctor's office	shop	store
fair (hair)	blond (hair)	shop assistant	salesperson
film	movie	sofa	couch
flat	apartment	starters/appetisers	appetizers
flatmate	roommate	stay fit	stay in shape
football	soccer	surname	last name
fridge	refrigerator	sweets	candy
full stop	period	table tennis	ping-pong
garden	yard	tap	faucet
give sb a lift	give sb. a ride	the bill	the check
go to the cinema	go to the movies	tick	check
hand luggage	carry-on	tidy	neat
handbag	purse	till	register
have a temperature	have a fever	torch	flashlight
headteacher	principal	trainers	sneakers
holiday	vacation	trousers	pants
horse riding	horseback riding	underground	subway
ill	sick	windscreen	windshield
jumper	sweater	zebra crossing	crosswalk
lift	elevator		

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spelling

British English	American English
aeroplane	airplane
analyse	analyze
apologise	apologize
behaviour	behavior
cancelled	canceled
centre	center
cheque	check
chilli pepper	chili pepper
civilisation	civilization
colour	color
cosy	cozy
favour	favor
favourite	favorite
grey	gray
humour	humor
jewellery	jewelry
licence	license
litre	liter
marvellous	marvelous
memorise	memorize
metre	meter
mould	mold
moustache	mustache
neighbourhood	neighborhood
omelette	omelet
organisation	organization
organise	organize
parlour	parlor
per cent	percent
practise	practice (v)
realise	realize
recognise	recognize
skilful	skillful
socialise	socialize
sympathise	sympathize
theatre	theater
tyre	tire
traveller	traveler

grammar and usage

British English	American English
16th January	January 16th
do well in in the team at the weekend	do well on on the team on the weekend
Turn right/left into a street.	Turn right/left onto a street.
It's ten past six.	It's ten after six.
learnt, learned spelt, spelled	learned spelled