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Ten differences between British and American words

Sports and Entertainment

Cinema

Movie theater

Big dipper

Roller coaster

Film

Movie

Funfair

Amusement park

Ball

Prom

Pack (cards)

Deck

Barmaid

Bartender

Rounders

Baseball

Advert

Commercial

Football

Soccer

Write the British word for commercial

Write the American word for barmaid

Write the British word for prom

Write the American word for cinema

Write the British word for deck

Write the American word for funfair

Write the British word for movie

Write the American word for big dipper

THE UK AND THE USA

In the 17th century, when the first Englishmen sailed to America, they took the English language with them. Nowadays, many people who are not native speakers of English think that the British and the American speak exactly the same language but, of course, there are some differences. Let's check the **vocabulary**:

British English	American English
Autumn	Fall
Car park	Parking lot
Centre	Downtown
Chips	French fries
Dollars	Bucks
Flat	Apartment
Holiday	Vacation
Lift	Elevator
Motor-way	Free-way

British English	American English
Nought	Zero
Pavement	Sidewalk
Petrol	Gasoline
Police	Cops
Queue	Line
Tap	Faucet
Taxi	Cab
Underground(tube)	Subway
Zed	Zee

Of course, many of these words are used both in the USA and in the UK. What about **spelling**? Match the words on the left with those on the right column:



It's time for tea...

I wanna buy that clock!

British English	American English
1) Colour	a) Wanna
2) Don't know	b) Gotta
3) Favour	c) Color
4) Got to	d) Program
5) Programme	e) Waddy
6) Theatre	f) Favor
7) Want to	g) Dunno
8) What do you ___	h) Theater

The British think ...
that all Americans:

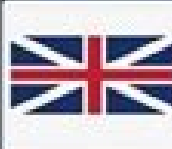
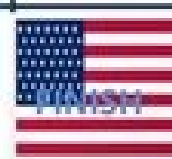
are efficient ...

The American think ...
that all British:

are inefficient

are very reserved	are old-fashioned	wear bowlers	talk with upper class accents	are go-ahead	are too friendly	love standing in queues	push instead of waiting for their turn	speak a curious dialect form of english
Talk too much and too loudly	Speak an inferior variety of English	Have their own swimming pools	Prefer old, worn out clothes to new ones	Live in castles	Are millionaires	Live in Hollywood	Have titles like Lord and Sir	Wear cowboy hats and carry cameras

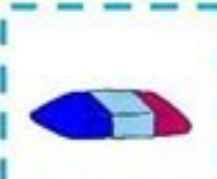
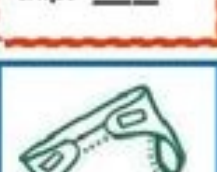
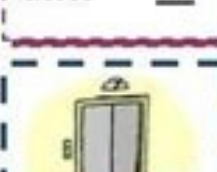
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	1 A LORRY	2 A NUMBER PLATE	3 PETROL	4 A MOTORWAY	5 A CAR PARK
11 A DRIVING LICENCE	10 TIGHTS	9 A PAVEMENT	8 AN AEROPLANE	7 A HANDBAG	6 FRINGE
12 FOOTBALL	13 A (PUBLIC) TOILET	14 CRISPS	15 AN AUBERGINE	16 WHITE COFFEE	17 A FLAT
23 CHIPS	22 A COOKER	21 A TAP	20 A BEETROOT	19 A CURTAIN	18 A SHOPPING CENTRE
24 A TORCH	25 A GARDEN	26 A JUMPER	27 A BISCUIT	28 A CHEMIST'S	29 AUTUMN
35 A QUEUE	34 THE GROUND FLOOR	33 IN THE CITY CENTRE	32 A ZEBRA CROSSING	31 RUBBISH	30 A RETURN TICKET
36 A DRESSING GOWN	37 A TAKEAWAY	38 A NOTE	39 A SHOP ASSISTANT	40 CUTLERY	

HPC ENGLISH

American & British English

Choose the American and British equivalents.
Mark them with AE or BE.

				
taxi cab _____	jumper sweater _____	shop store _____	holiday vacation _____	soccer football _____
				
sweets candy _____	eraser rubber _____	cookies biscuits _____	lorry truck _____	sick ill _____
				
film movie _____	subway underground _____	phone box phone booth _____	petrol gas _____	autumn fall _____
				
jam jelly _____	fries chips _____	baggage luggage _____	trash can dustbin _____	wardrobe closet _____
				
maize corn _____	diaper nappy _____	dummy pacifier _____	torch flashlight _____	elevator lift _____

British English vs American English

	
1. a flat	→ _____
2. a garden	→ _____
3. a letter box	→ _____
4. a lift	→ _____
5. a shopping centre	→ _____
6. a shop	→ _____
7. the underground	→ _____
8. the pavement	→ _____
9. a test	→ _____
10. a loop	→ _____
11. university	→ _____
12. a floor	→ _____
13. a fit	→ _____
14. chips	→ _____
15. shops	→ _____
16. results	→ _____
17. biscuits	→ _____
18. holidays	→ _____
19. buses	→ _____
20. a happy	→ _____
21. houses	→ _____

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