

## BRITISH ENGLISH VS AMERICAN ENGLISH



Sometimes the American spelling is different from the British spelling.



### 1. Read and highlight the differences.

British English → Okay / cheque / travelling / grey / dialogue / jewellery / licence / programme / tyre / skilful

American English → O.K. / check / travelling / gray / dialog / jewelry / license / program / tire / skillful

### 2. Look at the words below and complete the sentences.

British English → organise / colour / theatre / realise / labour

American English → organize / color / theater / realize / labor

Words containing \_\_\_\_\_ in British English are spelt \_\_\_\_\_ in American English.

Words ending in \_\_\_\_\_ in British English end in \_\_\_\_\_ in American English.

Verbs ending in \_\_\_\_\_ in British English end in \_\_\_\_\_ in American English.



### 3. Read these English words and write the corresponding American spelling !

honour → \_\_\_\_\_ organisation → \_\_\_\_\_

centre → \_\_\_\_\_ metre → \_\_\_\_\_

criticise → \_\_\_\_\_ favourite → \_\_\_\_\_

humour → \_\_\_\_\_ defence → \_\_\_\_\_

catalogue → \_\_\_\_\_ quarrelling → \_\_\_\_\_



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Sometimes the American accent is different from the British accent.

### 1. Listen to these words, then repeat them with an American accent.

address / adult / ball / band / BBQ / blocks / capital / dinner / figure / France / garage / horse riding / interesting / Jenifer / lots / shop / talk / top / twenty-five

### 2. Listen to these words, write US if the pronunciation is American and G-B if the pronunciation is British.

a car _____	lot _____	sir _____
basket _____	more _____	sweater _____
bathroom _____	new York _____	thanks _____
computer _____	potatoes _____	twenty-two _____
got _____	pretty _____	what else ? _____
lettuce _____	shopping _____	world _____



### 3. Listen to these sentences, write US if the pronunciation is American and G-B if the pronunciation is British.

This battle was harder ! \_\_\_\_\_ But Sir, I've sent at least twenty letters. \_\_\_\_\_

I can't swim. \_\_\_\_\_ He's so rich ! I'm sure he's got more than twenty cars. \_\_\_\_\_

I'm sure. \_\_\_\_\_ It's far harder in America. \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Speak American.

That's a bottle of water - a wall - city - county - I've got four dollars - I'd like a glass of water, please - not at all ! - We were forty at the party. - twenty - visiting - tomatoes - There are twenty tomatoes and forty potatoes in my garage !