

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 GB 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 GB 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 !