


BRITISH VS AMERICAN ENGLISH VOCABULARY

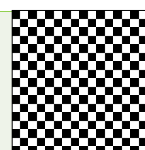
British English	American English	example/notes
a lift	a ride	Can I give you a lift/ride to uni?
angry	mad/pissed	I'm so angry/mad/pissed at my parents for forgetting my birthday. In British English, mad means angry and crazy. We use the phrasal verb 'pissed off' to mean angry.
aubergine 	eggplant	I've made an aubergine/eggplant pasta bake for tea.
autumn	fall	My favourite season is autumn/fall.
bag 	purse	I left my bag/purse under a chair and someone stole it. In British English, a purse is the small holder you keep your money and cards in.
barman/ maid	bartender	There's a new barman/bartender in club Echo, he's fit!
bath	bathtub	Don't forget to thoroughly clean the bath/bathtub.
bill	check	Can you ask for the bill/check, we need to go.
bin	trash	Please put all rubbish in the specified bins/trash cans. 
biscuit 	cookie	Let's have a cuppa, I've got some biscuits for dunking.

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bonnet	hood	<p>Lift the bonnet/hood, I need to check the oil.</p> <p>In British English, a hood is the thing that is attached to a jumper/coat that covers your head.</p>
boot	trunk	<p>My suitcase is too big, it can't fit in the boot/trunk.</p> <p>In British English, a trunk is a storage chest.</p>
braces 	suspenders	<p>I have to wear braces/suspenders with these trousers, they keep falling down.</p> <p>In British English, suspenders are sexy underwear for ladies.</p>
break	recess	<p>Break/recess is over, it's time to go back to the classroom.</p>
caravan	trailer	<p>I'm going to spend two weeks in my caravan/trailer in Cornwall.</p> <p>In British English, a trailer is an unpowered form of storage you tow behind your car.</p>
centre	downtown	<p>The centre/downtown is far too busy for me at this time of day.</p>
chemist	pharmacist/ drug store	<p>I'll pop in the chemist/drugstore later to pick up your prescription.</p>

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 chips	(French) fries	I'm looking forward to eating some chips/fries by the sea. In British English, fries are thin. Chips are big thick cuts of fried potato.
cot	crib	My husband has just finished putting up the cot/crib.
courgette	zucchini	I'm not too keen on courgettes/zucchini.
crisps 	chips	I love cheese and onion crisps. In British English, chips are thick cuts of fried potato (fish and chips).
curtains	drapes	I love nosing at people through the curtain/drapes.
draughts (drafts)	checkers	Who wants to play me at draughts/checkers?
draw	tie	The game ended in a draw/tie.
 dummy	pacifier	I've lost the baby's only dummy/pacifier, he won't sleep without it. In British English, a robe is more formal (like a cloak worn to show rank).



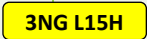



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fairy cake	cupcake	I'll make some fairy cakes/cupcakes with the kids.
film	movie	My favourite film/movie genre is horror.
fizzy drink	soda	Fizzy drink/soda rots your teeth. 
flat	apartment	We're getting the keys to our new flat/apartment soon.
football 	soccer	There are so many hooligans in football/soccer.
full stop	period	A sentence always finishes with a full stop/period. In British English, a period is the monthly cycle a woman has to endure.
holiday	vacation	No more work for 3 weeks! I'm officially on holiday/vacation.
horse riding 	horseback riding	I'm never going horse/horseback riding again! Last time, my horse bolted.
ice lolly	popsicle	Ice lollies/popsicles are perfect for days like these.
indicator	blinker	Some people shouldn't be allowed on the road. Cars have indicators/blinkers for a reason!





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jacket potato 	baked potato	I ate a jacket/baked potato with cheese and tuna. *It's called a jacket potato because it's still wearing it's jacket.
jam	jelly	I'll have strawberry jam/jelly on my toast. In British English, jelly is flavoured gelatine you eat for dessert.
jelly	jello	The kids love eating jelly/jello and ice cream.
jug	pitcher	It's two jugs/pitchers of rum and coke for a tenner.
jumper 	sweater	It'll soon be time to get the jumpers/sweaters out.
lift	elevator	Haha, my friend is stuck in a lift/an elevator.
lorry	truck	A lorry/truck has jack-knifed on the main road, the traffic is at a standstill.
mark	grade	My marks/grades weren't good this term.
minced beef	ground beef	Let's add some minced/ground beef to the stew.
mobile	cell	I was a bit drunk last night and lost my mobile/cell. 

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motorway	highway	Take the third exit off the motorway/highway.
nappy	diaper	Nappies/diapers are so expensive these days.
number plate 	licence plate	I think the cops took my number/license plate, I was doing 40 mph in a 30 zone.
pants	underwear	I need some new pants/underwear. 
paraffin	kerosene	Throw some paraffin/kerosene on the fire.
pavement	sidewalk	Keep to the pavement/sidewalk, there are some crazy drivers on the roads.
pay rise	raise	Yes!! I got a pay rise/raise.
pedestrian crossing	crosswalk	There is a pedestrian crossing/crosswalk just around the corner.
petrol	gasoline	I'm almost out of petrol/gasoline.
pitch 	field	There are only 17 players on the pitch/field, there have been so many red cards given.
plaster	band aid	My little sister just fell over, I've got to find her a plaster/band aid. 
post	mail	If you send it by post/mail, it'll arrive by Tuesday.

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postcode	zip code	Don't forget to add your postcode/zip code otherwise it mightn't arrive.
queue	line	Why are queues/lines always so long?
rubbish	garbage	You're talking rubbish/garbage! 
starter	appetizer	I don't think I'll have a starter/an appetizer, I'll have a dessert instead.
subway	underpass	I don't use the subway/underpass after dark.
sweets 	candy 	The kids are excited for 'trick or treating', They'll be hyper from eating too many sweets/candies. 
take away	take out	If you help your brother with his maths homework, we can have a takeaway/take out.
tap	faucet	The dripping tap/faucet kept me awake all.
term	semester	We're just about to start the new term/semester.
tick	check	Tick/check the option you prefer. 
tin 	can	My new tin/can opener just broke.
toilet 	restroom	We'll stop at the next service station so you can go to the toilet/restroom.

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torch	flashlight	Bring your torches/flashlights, at the moment we have no electricity.
trainers	sneakers	I saw an advert for some cool trainers/sneakers.
trolley	shopping cart	Bring over a small trolley/shopping cart, I only want a few bits.
trousers 	pants	I spilt soy sauce down my new trousers/pants. In British English, pants are underwear.
waistcoat	vest	The men must wear waistcoats/vests. In British English, a vest is a casual top with no sleeves.
wardrobe	closet	This wardrobe/closet looks like the one in the film.
windscreen	windscreen	Let's pull over and clean the windscreen/windshield.
zip 	zipper	The zip/zipper on my jeans has just broken.