

List of British and American English differences PDF

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Spelling

| American English | British English |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| catalog | catalogue |
| centimeter | centimetre |
| center | centre |
| color | colour |
| counselor | counsellor |
| dialog (also dialogue) | dialogue |
| enroll | enrol |
| favor | favour |
| favorite | favourite |
| gray | grey |
| kilometer | kilometre |
| liter | litre |
| meter | metre |
| milliliter | millilitre |
| millimeter | millimetre |
| neighbor | neighbour |
| organize | organise |
| practice (verb) | practise (verb) |
| program | programme |
| theater | theatre |
| traveled | travelled |
| traveling | travelling |
| woolen | woollen |

Words and Phrases

| American English | British English |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| last name | surname |
| leash | lead |
| mail (verb) | post (verb) |
| math | maths |
| mom / mommy | mum / mummy |
| movie (also film) | film |
| movie theater | cinema |
| newsstands | newsagent's |
| pain reliever | painkiller |
| pal | mate |
| pants | trousers |
| parentheses | brackets |
| parking lot | car park |
| pharmacy | chemist's |
| picture | photo |
| purse | handbag |
| refrigerator | fridge |
| restroom | toilet |
| roommate | flatmate |

Words and Phrases

| American English | British English |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a bag of sugar, flour etc. | a pack of sugar, flour etc. |
| across the street from | opposite |
| amusement | fairground ride |
| apartment | flat |
| blonde (hair) | fair (hair) |
| booked up | fully booked |
| café | coffee shop |
| cell phone | mobile phone |
| check (✓) | tick (✓) |
| check (at restaurant) | bill |
| closet | wardrobe |
| clothing store | clothes shop |
| do the dishes | do the washing - up |
| dormitory | halls of residence |
| downtown | city center |
| elevator | lift |
| expressway | motorway |
| fall | autumn |
| first floor (also ground floor) | ground floor |
| French fries (also fries) | chips |
| gas station | petrol station |
| go to the movies | go to the cinema |
| knapsack | rucksack |