

British Vs American English



What is American English Language?

- American English (AmE, AE, AmEng,), also called United States English or U.S. English, is the set of varieties of the English language native to the United States.
- English is the most widely spoken language in the United States and is the common language used by the federal government.

What is American English Language?

- The use of English in the United States is a result of British colonization of the Americas. The first wave of English-speaking settlers arrived in North America during the 17th century, followed by further migrations in the 18th and 19th centuries. Since then, American English has been influenced by the languages of West Africa, the Native American population, German, Dutch, Irish, Spanish, and other languages of successive waves of immigrants to the United States.

Agenda:

- *VOCABULARY*
- *SPELLING*
- *GRAMMAR*
- *PREPOSITION*



Biscuits

Cookies



Autumn



Fall

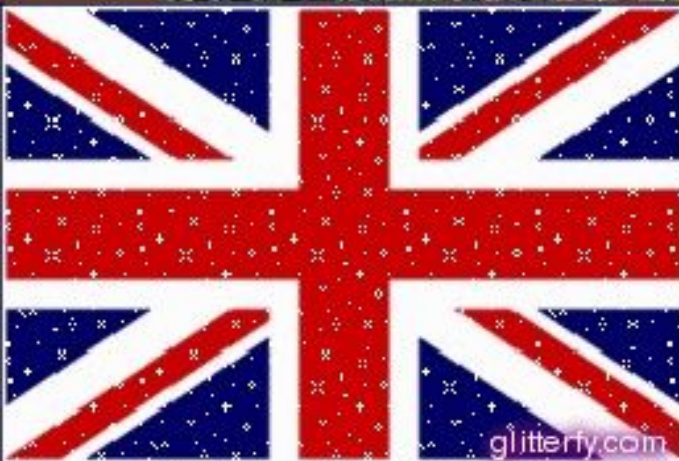




Lift



Elevator



Lorry



Truck



#Handbag

Purse





#Taxi

Cab





Trousers



Pants



Underground



Subway





Petrol



Gas

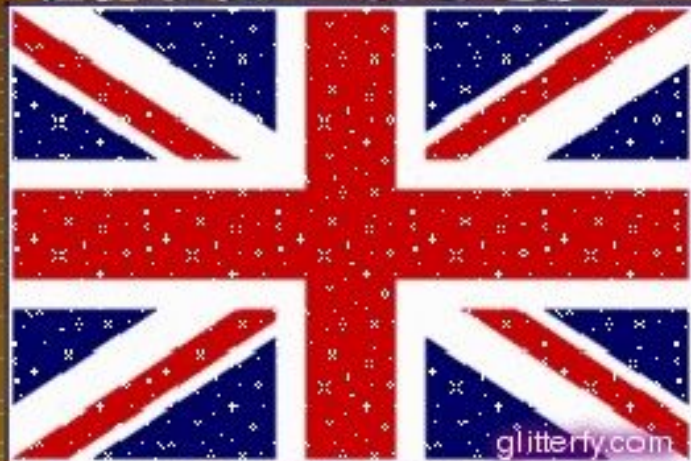


Sweets



Candies





Queue

Line



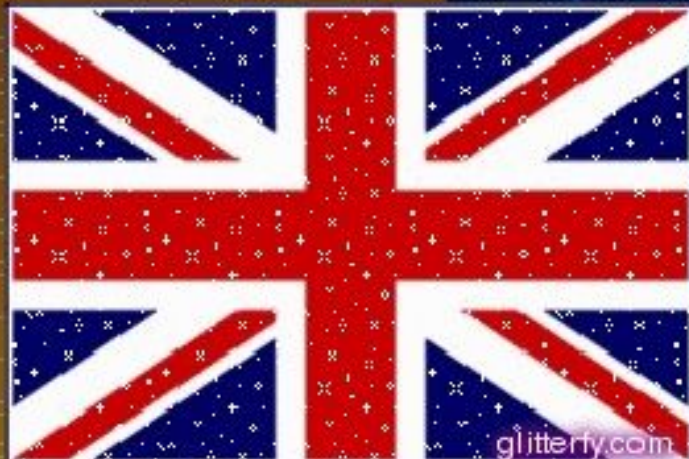


Chips



**#French
Fries**

Alien Problem? Monster Solution.



Film

#Movie





Pharmacy



Drugstore



**Petrol
Station**



**Gas
Station**



Director



Manager



Garden

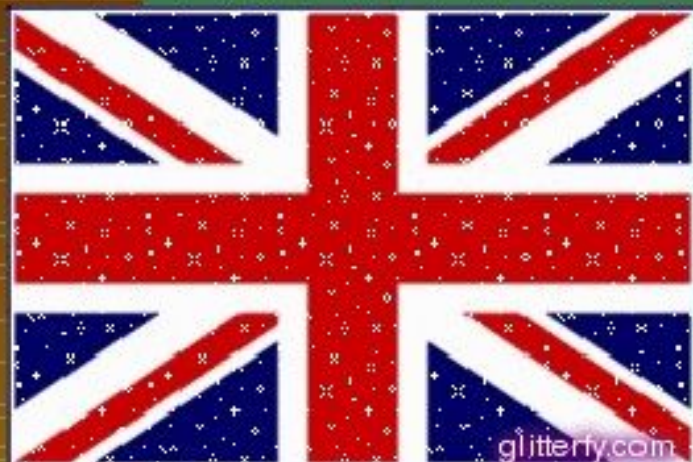
Yard





Headmaster

Principal



Holiday

Vacation



Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!



jumper



#sweater



football



soccer





Lavatory

The John

Toilet

#W.C

Loo

**Visiting the little
boys/girls**



John

#Bathroom

Restroom

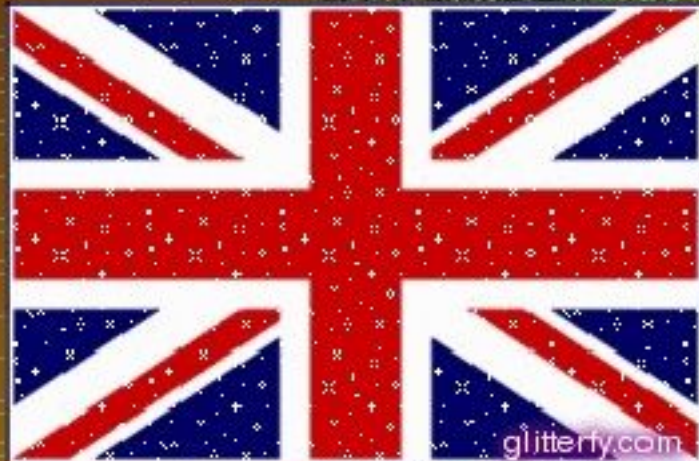
Washroom



motorway



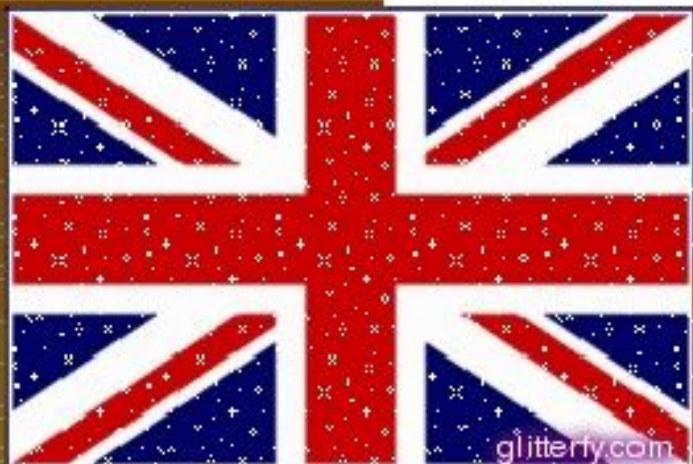
#Highway



**Letter
box**



mailbox



Postman



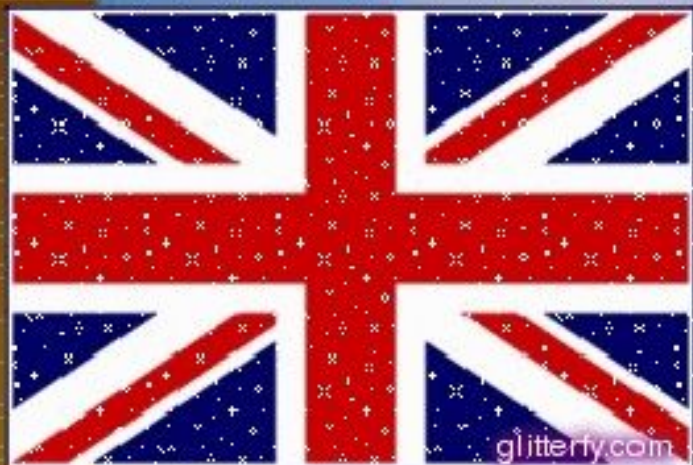
Mailman



**Blocks/
flats**



Apartments



#tap



faucet





**Sitting
room**



**#Living
room**





**Sleeping
Policeman**



**Speed
bump**



**Take-
away**



**Take
out**



**#Car
park**

**Parking
lot**





Cooker



#Stove

Spelling.

AMERICAN – “-or”	BRITISH – “-our”
Color	Colour
Honor	Honour
Favorite	favourite

AMERICAN – “-ze”	BRITISH – “-se”
Analyze	Analyse
Criticize	Criticise
Memorize	Memorise

AMERICAN – “-ll”	BRITISH – “-l”
Enrollment	Enrolment
Fulfill	Fulfil
Skillful	skilful

Spelling, continued.

AMERICAN – “-er”	BRITISH – “-re”
Center	Centre
Meter	Metre
Theater	theatre

AMERICAN – “-og”	BRITISH – “-ogue”
Analog	Analogue
Catalog	Catalogue
Dialog	Dialogue

AMERICAN – “-ck” or “-k”	BRITISH – “-que”
Bank	Banque
Check	Cheque

Spelling, continued.

AMERICAN – “-e”	BRITISH – “-ae” or “-oe”
Encyclopedia	Encyclopaedia
Maneuver	Manoeuvre
Medieval	Mediaeval

AMERICAN – “-dg” “-g” “-gu”	BRITISH – “-dge” “-ge” “-gue”
Aging	Ageing
Argument	Argument
Judgment	Judgement

AMERICAN – “-ense”	BRITISH – “-ence”
License	Licence
Defense	Defence

Spelling, continued.

Other word-specific differences --

AMERICAN	BRITISH
Jewelry	Jewellery
Draft	Draught
Pajamas	Pyjamas
Plow	Plough
Program	Programme
Tire	Tyre

Grammar

- **Nouns**

British : collective nouns can take either singular or plural verb form.

American : collective nouns are usually singular in construction.

**Ex1. a committee was appointed. (AmE, BrE)
the committee were unable to agree. (BrE)**

**Ex2. Spain are the champions. (BrE)
Spain is the champion. (AmE)**



Grammar

- Verbs - Verb morphology

British

Present	Past	Past participle
saw	sawed	sawn
get	got	got
dream	dreamt	dreamt

American

Present	Past	Past participle
saw	sawed	sawed
get	got	gotten
dream	dreamed	dreamed



Grammar

- Verbs - Use of tenses

BrE uses the present perfect to talk about an event in the recent past and with the words *already*, *just* and *yet*. In American usage these meanings can be expressed with the present perfect or the simple past.

Ex1. BrE : Have you cleaned your teeth?

AmE : Did you clean your teeth?

Ex2. BrE : I've just got home.

AmE : I just got home.



Grammar

- Presence or absence of syntactic elements

1. AmE : go + bare infinitive

BrE : go and + bare infinitive

Ex. AmE : I'll go take a bath.

BrE : I'll go and have a bath.

2. AmE : come + bare infinitive

BrE : come and + bare infinitive

Ex. AmE : come see what I bought.

BrE : come and see what I've bought.



Grammar

- **Prepositions**

American English	British English
Play on a team	Play in a team
On Churchill street	In Churchill street
I'll talk with/to him	I'll talk to him
Affiliate with	Affiliate with/to
Different from/than	Different from/to



