

# 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**





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**Lorry**



**Truck**





**#Handbag**

**Purse**





**#Taxi**

**Cab**





**Trousers**



**Pants**



**Underground**

**Subway**



**Petrol**



**Gas**

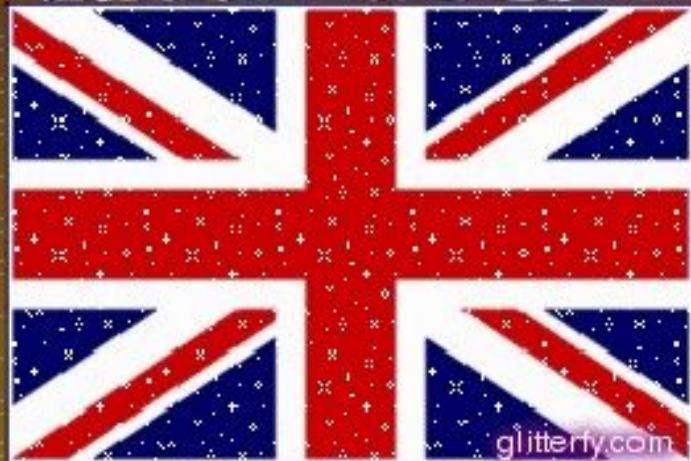




**Sweets**



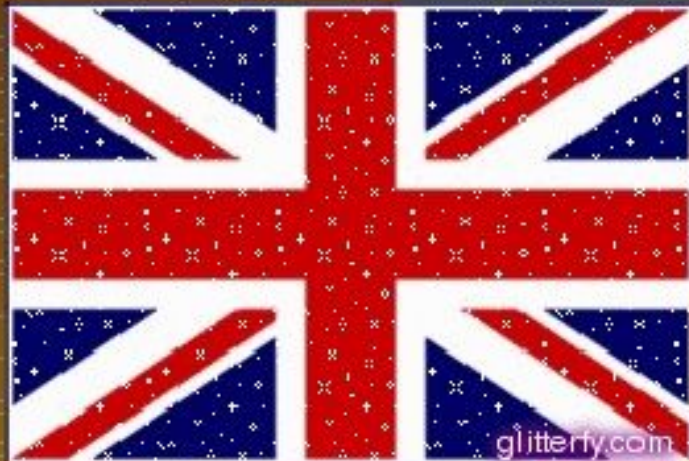
**Candies**



**Queue**

**Line**





**Chips**

**#French  
Fries**



Alien Problem? Monster Solution.



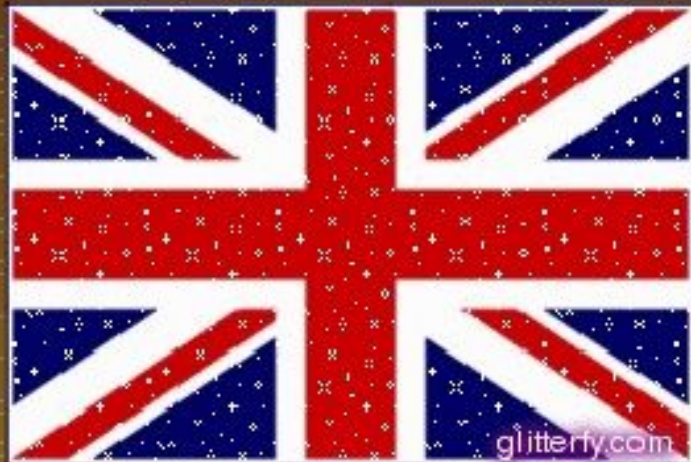
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**Film**

**#Movie**





**Pharmacy**



**Drugstore**



**Petrol  
Station**



**Gas  
Station**



**Director**



**Manager**



**Garden**



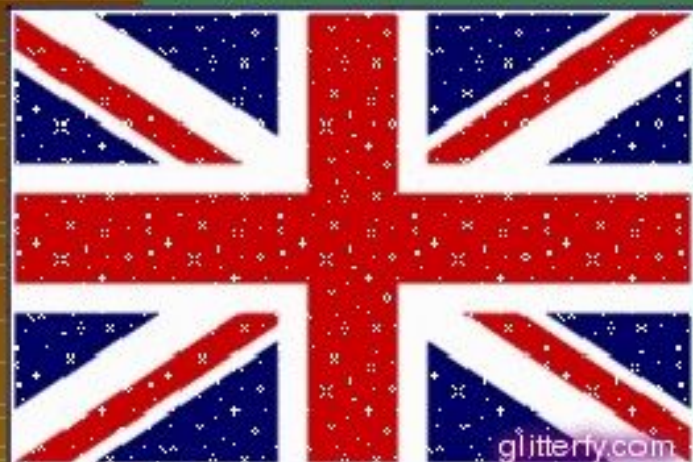
**Yard**





**Headmaster**

**Principal**

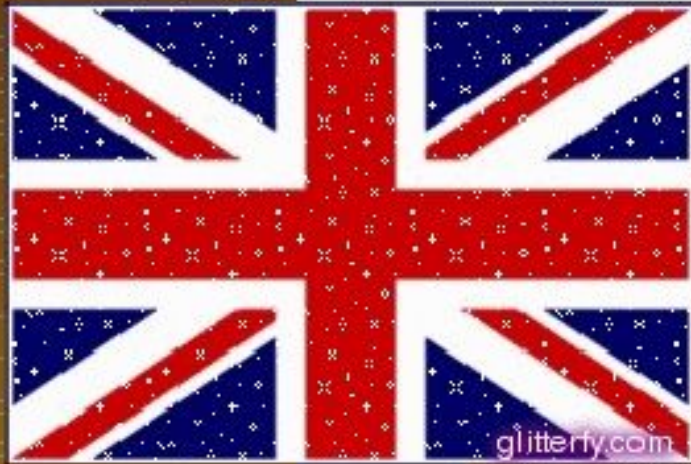


**Holiday**

**Vacation**



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!*

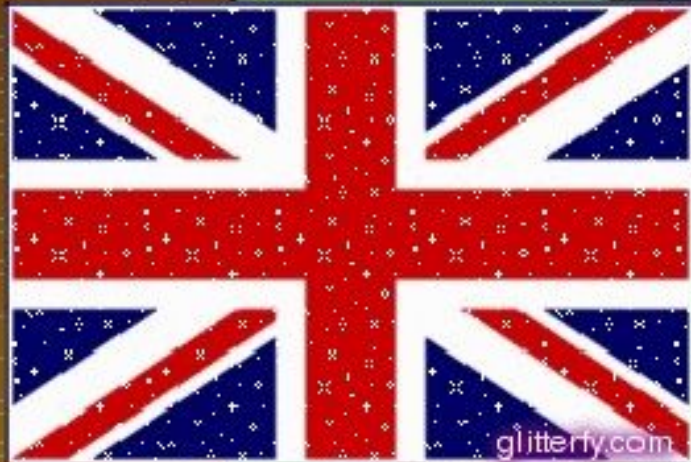


**jumper**

**#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.

<b>AMERICAN – “-or”</b>	<b>BRITISH – “-our”</b>
Color	Colour
Honor	Honour
Favorite	favourite

<b>AMERICAN – “-ze”</b>	<b>BRITISH – “-se”</b>
Analyze	Analyse
Criticize	Criticise
Memorize	Memorise

<b>AMERICAN – “-ll”</b>	<b>BRITISH – “-l”</b>
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.

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

<b>AMERICAN – “-dg” “-g” “-gu”</b>	<b>BRITISH – “-dge” “-ge” “-gue”</b>
Aging	Ageing
Argument	Arguement
Judgment	Judgement

<b>AMERICAN – “-ense”</b>	<b>BRITISH – “-ence”</b>
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



