



British and American English (Test)



I Match the underlined words in sentences 1-6 to the American words.

vacation candies mail fall elevator apartment cookies freeway

- 1 The motorway is always busy in the rush hour.
- 2 Sarah never eats biscuits and sweets because she is on a diet.
- 3 Our flat is on the 11th floor, so you should take the lift.
- 4 Mr. Brown's going to Europe tomorrow on a two-week holiday.
- 5 The trees look absolutely beautiful in the autumn.
- 6 Has the evening post arrived yet?

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II What are (a) the American and (b) the British words for the following things?



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III Choose the British English word in brackets which means the same as the American word

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| 1 bathrobe | (towel, dressing gown, pyjamas) |
| 2 eraser | (pen, pencil, rubber) |
| 3 truck | (lorry, car, van) |
| 4 gas | (oil, petrol, air) |
| 5 check | (bank note, bill, cash desk) |
| 6 line | (rope, crowd, queue) |
| 7 flashlight | (light bulb, torch, traffic light) |
| 8 sidewalk | (pavement, road, underpass) |

IV Decide which of these words are spelled in the American or British way

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| 1 labor _____ |
| 2 theatre _____ |
| 3 thru _____ |
| 4 honor _____ |
| 5 travelled _____ |
| 6 colour _____ |
| 7 center _____ |
| 8 hospitalized _____ |

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V Change the following into British English.

- 1 My suit is in the closet. _____
- 2 Pass me the candies, please. _____
- 3 They've run out of gas. _____
- 4 It's very dark here. Open the drapes. _____
- 5 My favourite season of the year is fall. _____
- 6 One-way or round trip? _____
- 7 Frank left the faucet on in the kitchen. _____
- 8 Suddenly the motorcycle went up on the sidewalk. _____

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