

American Words

1 The American words in the sentences below are printed in italics.
Replace each American word or phrase with a British word or phrase from the following list.

fail	flat	trousers	playing truant
bill	holidays	nappies	railway timetable
tap	caretaker	pavement	chemist
post	postman	saloon car	ordinary uniformed policeman
rise			

- (a) His mother thought he was at school but in fact he was *playing hookey*.
He'll probably *flunk* his exams.
- (b) The kitchen *faucet* in my *apartment* isn't working. I'll tell the *janitor*.
He'll get it fixed.
- (c) Blue-collar workers are asking for a *pay-hike* and longer paid *vacations*.
- (d) The dog attacked the *mailman* and tore his *pants*.
- (e) Do you have a *railroad schedule*? I want an early train for Chicago tomorrow.
- (f) A *patrolman* reported a light-blue *sedan* parked right across the *sidewalk* on 3rd Street.
- (g) She has a little baby so she has to make regular visits to the *drugstore* to buy *diapers*.
- (h) When the waiter handed me the *check* after the meal, I found that I had no money!
- (i) How much does it cost to *mail* a letter to Australia?

2 Instructions as above.

petrol	jam	underground	specialise (university studies)
queue	garden	cinema	maths (mathematics)
rubbish	note	petrol station	secondary school
autumn	lift	ground floor	university
sweets	shops	windscreen	

- (a) We had to *stand in line* at the *movie-theater* last night.
- (b) Our back *yard* looks lovely in the *fall*. The leaves on the trees turn brown and red.
- (c) He wants to *major* in *math* at *college* when he leaves *high school*.
- (d) When you stop for *gas* at a *gas station*, they sometimes clean your *windshield*.
- (e) We had to buy a lot at the *stores*, then we took the *subway* home.
- (f) The *elevator*'s broken down again, but it doesn't matter. We live on the *first floor*.
- (g) She likes *candy*, and bread and butter with *jelly* on it. They're bad for her teeth.
- (h) The only money I have is a twenty dollar *bill*.
- (i) In this district they only collect the *garbage* once a week.

Nouns made from Adjectives

1 Put in each space below a noun made from the adjective in brackets after the sentence.

- (a) South Africa has great mineral _____. (wealthy)
- (b) _____ is one of the world's great problems. (poor)
- (c) Tell the _____. (true)
- (d) I must drink something. I'm dying of _____. (thirsty)
- (e) I must eat something. I'm dying of _____. (hungry)
- (f) He was very bright. He passed the exam with _____. (easy)
- (g) In his _____ he travelled a lot. Now he is too old. (young)
- (h) I don't know how to express my _____ for your help. (grateful)
- (i) It's very late. There's not much _____ of his coming now. (likely)
- (j) To be a soldier you need to be strong and in good _____. (healthy)
- (k) There was no doubt about his _____. He was sent to prison for five years. (guilty)
- (l) He escaped to _____ by climbing over the prison wall. (free)

2 Instructions as above.

- (a) The _____ of the president was announced on the radio. (dead)
- (b) In past wars soldiers were sometimes shot for _____. (cowardly)
- (c) He died to save the lives of others. It was an act of _____. (heroic)
- (d) He was a very thoughtful, philosophical person. A man of great _____. (wise)
- (e) She felt great _____ at being treated so badly. (angry)
- (f) He left his town to find _____ in the big city. (famous)
- (g) The tourists were impressed by the _____ of the jewellery in the museum. (splendid)
- (h) It was a long, slow film. I nearly died of _____. (boring)
- (i) He was filled with _____ at the terrible things he saw in the war. (horrible)
- (j) The ice quickly melted in the _____ of the sun. (hot)
- (k) His _____ was hurt when a younger man was given the job above him. (proud)
- (l) I think it shows _____. of character to admit you are wrong. (strong)

3 Instructions as above.

- (a) To be successful you need ability and you need _____. (lucky)
- (b) He was delighted by the _____ of the welcome he received. (warm)
- (c) The idea of going through the forest alone at night filled her with _____. (terrible)
- (d) The _____ of the bridge is about two kilometres. (long)
- (e) The _____ of the road is not great enough to take large trucks. (wide)
- (f) What's the _____ of that mountain? (high)
- (g) The _____ of the water here is over three metres. (deep)