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.

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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)

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