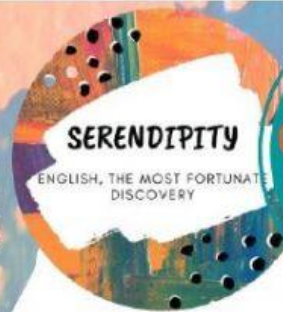


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Social English

Time to go home

1. ON THE PHONE

Complete the dialogues.

A Hello, can I s..... to Oliver please?

B T..... is Oliver.

A Hi Oliver, this is Mark. I'm r..... your call.

A Hi Amy.

B I'm s....., you have the wr..... number.

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A Hello, this is reception. How can I help you?

B Good morning. Mr Clarke, please.

A I'm sorry, the l..... is b.....

B OK, can I l..... a m.....?

A Yes, of course.

B Can you tell him Fiona called? I'll c.....

b..... later.

A Good morning, London 24seven.

B Hello, can I speak to Allison, please?

A Just a second, I'll p..... you through.

2. SOCIAL ENGLISH

Choose the correct word or phrase.

1 A Does your girlfriend know you're here?

B No, I'll now.

2 A I've got a new job!

B That's

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3 A I've got something to tell you.

B Me, too. But you

4 A What are you doing here?

B I'll explain

5 A Is everything alright?

B

3. READING

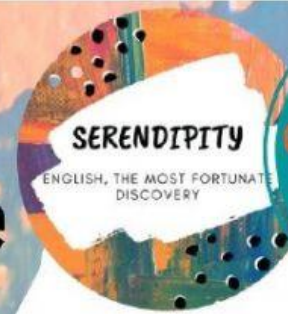
a Read the text. Which sentence is the best summary?

1 British and American English are almost exactly the same. ☐

2 The most important difference between British and American English is the vocabulary. ☐

3 Travellers don't have problems understanding British and American English. ☐

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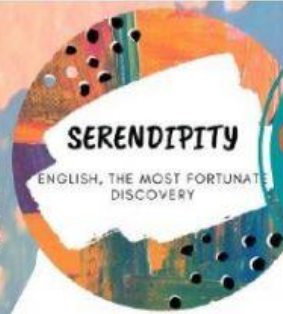
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British and American English



If you've learnt British English and you're travelling in the States, or if you've learnt American English and you're travelling in Britain, you'll notice some differences. An obvious difference is the accent, but most travellers find that they don't have too many problems with this. There are some grammatical differences, but they shouldn't make it difficult to understand people, or to communicate. That leaves differences in vocabulary, which can cause misunderstandings. Sometimes the difference is only the spelling, for example, in British English centre, colour, and travelled, and in American English center, color, and travelled. But sometimes the word is completely different in British and American English, so it's a good idea to be prepared.

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b. Match the British English with the American English.

1. bill ☐
2. chips ☐
3. chemist's ☐
4. ground floor ☐
5. lift ☐
6. mobile ☐
7. petrol ☐
8. queue ☐
9. toilet ☐
10. shop ☐
11. taxi ☐
12. trainers ☐
13. the underground ☐

- A. cab
- B. cell phone
- C. check
- D. elevator
- E. first floor
- F. fries
- G. line
- H. the subway
- I. pharmacy
- J. restroom
- K. store
- L. sneakers
- M. gas

c. Use your dictionary to look up their meaning and pronunciation.
Make sure you can say them in British and American English.