

100 American English



American English	candy [U]	French fries	cell phone	cookies
British English	sweets	chips	mobile phone	biscuits



American English	elevator	faucet	truck	purse	pants
British English	lift	tap	lorry	handbag	trousers

American English	Meaning	British English
appointment book / datebook	a book where you write what you are going to do. On a phone, PC, etc, calendar is the word in both American and British English.	diary
lawyer; (more formal) attorney	a lawyer	In British English, a lawyer who represents sb in court is a barrister and a solicitor is a lawyer who prepares legal documents.
drugstore	a shop that sells medicines and other types of goods	chemist's/pharmacy
garbage/trash [U] garbage/trash can	waste food, paper, etc. that you throw away a container outside your home where you put the waste	rubbish [U] dustbin
gasoline/gas [U]	fuel used in a car	petrol [U]
high school	a school for children aged 14 to 18	secondary school (for children aged 11 to 16 or 18)
highway	a large important road in a town or between towns	main road; motorway
movie theater	a place where you see a movie (usually film in British English)	cinema
parking lot	a place where you can leave your car	car park
restroom	a room with toilets in a public place, e.g. in a restaurant. In American English, a bathroom is either a room with only a toilet in it in a home, or a room with a bath and/or a shower in it, and sometimes a toilet as well. A bathroom in British English is always a room with a bath and/or a shower (with or without a toilet).	toilet
round trip OPP one-way trip	a journey to a place and back	return (journey) OPP single (journey)
sidewalk	the part of the road where people walk	pavement
store	a shop, large or small	shop; department store
subway	an underground train system. In British English, a subway is a path that goes under a busy road so that people can cross safely.	underground
vacation	a period of time away from work or school, often spent travelling for pleasure	holiday
yard	In British English, a yard is an area outside a building, usually with a hard surface: <i>a school/prison yard</i>	garden

1 Circle the American words.

lift faucet sweets French fries one-way trip pre-stroom theater garbage barrister
elevator motorway attorney rubbish gasoline candy highway

2 Combine the parts to form six more American English words.

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3 Correct the spelling mistakes.

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4 Complete the sentences using American English words.

- ▶ What age do you start high school in America?
- 1 Do you know what's playing at the movie
- 2 It took us ages to find the parking
- 3 Do you want French with your steak?
- 4 My journey to go and visit with my brother is a ninety-mile round
- 5 Excuse me, where's the rest
- 6 Is your son doing well in high
- 7 Have a ~ No, thanks, I don't like sweet things.
- 8 Let's not walk downstairs - we can take the
- 9 Someone stole Lara's keys and cell phone from her
- 10 Are you planning to come back? ~ No, I just bought a ticket.

5 Replace the British English words with American English words.

- ▶ When does the shop open? store
- 1 Where are you going for your holiday?
- 2 What should I do with this rubbish?
- 3 We had to go to court, so I needed a good barrister.
- 4 I wrote the meeting with Jo in my diary.
- 5 He drives a big lorry.
- 6 Would you like another biscuit?
- 7 Could you turn on the tap?
- 8 I took the underground to the museum.
- 9 We can't use the pavement here.
- 10 The children are playing in the garden.

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 What's your cell phone number?
- 2 How often do you use the subway?
- 3 When did you finish high school?
- 4 How far is your nearest movie theater?
- 5 What was the last movie you saw?
- 6 How often do you eat French fries?
- 7 Where did you go for your last vacation?
- 8 Do you use an appointment book?
- 9 Do you eat a lot of cookies or candy?
- 10 Have you ever needed to use an attorney?



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