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BRITISH AND AMERICAN VOCABULARY

Learning objectives:

- To identify the vocabulary in the British and American English
- To learn the British words which are different to American words

E.g.: lorry (British) – slimmer truck (American)

Fortnight (British) – two weeks (American)

Lift (British) – elevator (American)

CLOTHES:

British English	American English
Trousers	Pants
Pants / underwear / knickers	Underwear / panties
Jersey / jumper	Sweater
Waistcoat	Vest
Mac (Macintosh)	Rain coat
Nappy	Diaper
Pinny / apron	Apron
Cozzy	Bathing suit

SCHOOL:

British English	American English
Friend/mate	friend
glue	Gum
rubber	Eraser
Maths	math
Public school	Private school
School dinner	Hot lunch
Holiday	Vacation
Staff room	Teachers' lounge
Play time / break time	Recess
Drawing pins	Push pins/thumbtack
Marking scheme	Grading scheme

BUILDINGS AND TOPS:

British English	American English
Flat	apartment
Chemist	Druggist
Café	Diner

ROAD:

British English	American English
Car park	Parking lot
Zebra crossing	Cross walk
Lorry	Truck
Petrol	Gas/gasoline
Pavement	Side walk
Diversion	Detour
Fire engine	Fire truck
Phone box	Telephone booth

FOOD:

British English	American English
Biscuit	Cookie
Sweets	Candies
Crisps	Chips
Starters	Appetizers
Jam	Jelly
Bill	Check
Grill	Boil

CARS:

British English	American English
Bonnet	Hood
Reversing lights	Back up lights

HOUSE:

British English	American English
Toilet	Bath room/rest room
Garden	Back yard
Ward robe	Closet
Bin/dust bin	Trash can
Cooker	Stove
Couch	Sofa
Hand basin	Sink

PEOPLE:

British English	American English
Lass	Girl
Lad	Boy
Policeman	Cop
Postman	Mail man

Cashier	Teller
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SPORT:

British English	American English
Foot ball	soccer
Bat	Paddle

OTHERS:

British English	American English
Torch	Flash light
Plaster	Band aid
Autumn	Fall
Lift	Elevator
Aeroplane	Air plane
Anti clockwise	Counter clock wise
Casualty	Emergence room
Catapult	Slingshot
Cinema	Movie theatre
Current account	Checking account
Engaged	Busy
Financial year	Fiscal year
First floor	Second floor
Flat	Apartment
Fly over	Over pass
Full stop	Period
Hoarding	Bill board
Kennel	Dog house
Junior school	Elementary school
Mobile phone	Cell phone
Motor way	High way/express way
Mummy	Mommy
nappy	Diaper
News reader	News caster
Post box	Mail box
Post code	Zip code
Pram	Baby carriage/stroller
Railway	Rail road
Roundabout	Carousel
Sleeping partner	Silent partner
Solicitor	Lawyer
Stag night	Bachelor party
Timber	Lumber
Tram	Street car
Under ground	Subway
Vacuum flask	Thermos flask

Observations:

As a percentage of the total English vocabulary the number of words which are used only in one or the other country is very small, but the problem for learners of English is that these words are among the most common in the language. There are many words that are used almost exclusively by Americans which are understood by most Britishers, and vice versa.

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