

British English vs American English



The British and the Americans both speak English but they don't always use the same words.

Activity $1 \rightarrow$ Match these American words with the pictures.

a trunk / an eraser / a hood / an egg-plant / a movie theatre / cotton candy / subway a can / a truck / restrooms / a trash can / an elevator / trash / French fries

British English	American English
chips	
a rubber	
a lorry	
a cinema	
a tin	
public toilets	
underground	

British English	American English
an aubergine	
a bin	
rubbish	
the boot	
the bonnet	
candy floss	
a lift	

Activity $2 \rightarrow$ Match the British words with the American words. Mind the odd-one-out!

GB

- pudding
 - flat •
 - post •
 - torch •
- car park •
- postman •

US

- mail
- store
- mailman
- parking lot
- flashlight
- dessert
- apartment

Activity $3 \rightarrow$ Is the word English or American? Tick the correct flag.

Mom		
Mum		
cookies		
biscuits		
mobile phone		
cellphone		
police car		
patrol car		
mustache		
moustache		

petrol		
gas		
fizzy drink		
soda		
pajamas		
pyjamas		
post code		
zip code		
crisps		
potato chips		

Activity $4 \rightarrow$ Paraphrase the British sentences using the American words below.

the faucet / movie / suspenders / after /candies / bathroom / do the dishes / Fall / kids the check / sneakers / the highway / vacation / the sidewalk / line / the shopping mall

It is the best <i>film</i> I have ev \rightarrow	er seen.		
On October 31st, it's Hallo		• •	crick or treat".
→ I have drunk so much wat			
→	,		
There are lots of <i>lorries</i> on →	n the <i>motorway</i> today.		
There is a long <i>queue</i> of p →	eople waiting at the bus s	etop.	
White <i>trainers</i> are fashion →	nable this summer.		
It's ten <i>past</i> two. \rightarrow			
My grandfather used to w →			
I am on <i>holiday</i> for a weel \rightarrow	k and I will return to wor	k next Monday.	
I'm going to <i>the shopping</i> →	centre, do you want to co		
You mustn't ride your bike →	e on the pavement!		
I do the washing-up every →	y day after dinner.		
Waiter ! Could you please →	bring me the bill?		
Autumn is my favourite se			
→			
Turn off <i>the tap</i> when you \rightarrow	*		
Activity $5 \rightarrow British word$	ls can sometimes be really	different from Americar	words.
Read these American workin GB? What do they mean or US next to the correct example first.	an in the US? Write GB	the first floor	US GB
to wash up		a lavatory	
chips		pants	
football		a vest	
jelly		a purse	