

### British English American English

**Note:** The differences in spelling could be classified in terms of

- (a) words ending in **-our** and **-or** (colour-color)
- (b) words ending in **-tre** and **-ter** (metre-meter)
- (c) words ending in **-nce** and **-nse** (offence-offense)
- (d) the use of **'ll'** and **'l'** (skilful-skillful)

Sl. No	British English	American English	Sl. no	British English	American English
1	Autumn	Fall	21	Metre	Meter
2	Biscuit	Cookie	22	Offence	Offense
3	Crisps	potato chips	23	Plough	Plow
4	Film	Movie	24	programme	Program
5	ground floor	first floor	25	Skilful	Skillful
6	Holiday	Vacation	26	travelled	Traveled
7	Lorry	Truck	27	Theatre	Theater
8	Luggage	Baggage	28	Railway	Railroad
9	mobile phone	cell phone	29	Garden	Yard
10	Nappy	Diaper	30	Cupboard	Closet
11	Petrol	Gasoline	31	Lift	Elevator
12	Post	Mail	32	Torch	Flashlight
13	Sweets	Candy	33	Curtain	Drape
14	Tap	Faucet	34	Bonnet	Hood
15	Taxi	Cab	35	Queue	Line
16	Tin	Can	36	Aeroplane	Airplane
17	underground	Subway	37	Tyre	Tire
18	Centre	Center	38	Pyjamas	Pajamas

British English	American English
anti-clockwise	counter-clockwise
articulated lorry	trailer truck
autumn	autumn, fall
barrister	Attorney
bill (restaurant)	bill, check
biscuit	Cookie
block of flats	apartment building
bonnet (clothing)	Hat
bonnet (car)	Hood
boot	Trunk
caravan	Trailer
car park	parking lot
chemist's shop	drugstore, pharmacy
chest of drawers	dresser, chest of drawers, bureau
chips	fries, French

British English	American English
	fries
the cinema	the movies
clothes peg	Clothespin
coffin	coffin, casket
crisps	potato chips
crossroads	intersection; crossroads (rural)
cupboard	cupboard (in kitchen); closet (for clothes etc)
diversion	detour
drawing-pin	thumbtack
drink-driving	drunk driving
driving licence	driver's license
dual carriageway	divided highway
dummy (for baby)	pacifier
dustbin	garbage can, trash can

British English	American English
dustman	garbage collector
engine	engine, motor
estate agent	real estate agent
estate car	station wagon
film	film, movie
flat	apartment, flat, studio
flat tyre	flat tire
flyover	Overpass
gearbox (car)	transmission
gear-lever	Gearshift
Girl Guide	Girl Scout
ground floor	ground/first floor
handbag	handbag, purse, shoulder bag
high street	main street
holiday	Vacation
hood (car)	convertible top

British English	American English
jam	jam, preserves
jug	jug, pitcher
juggernaut	18-wheeler
lift	Elevator
lorry	truck, semi, tractor
mad	crazy, insane
main road	Highway
maize	Corn
maths	Math
motorbike	motorcycle
motorway	freeway, expressway
motorway	highway, freeway, expressway, interstate highway, interstate
nappy	diaper

British English	American English
naughts and crosses	tic-tack-toe
pants, underpants	underpants, drawers
pavement	sidewalk
pet hate	pet peeve
petrol	gas, gasoline
The Plough	Big Dipper
pocket money	allowance
post	mail
postbox	mailbox
postcode	zip code
postman	mailman, mail carrier, letter carrier
pub	bar
public toilet	rest room, public bathroom
railway	railroad

British English	American English
return (ticket)	round-trip
reverse charge	collect call
ring road	beltway, freeway/highway loop
road surface	pavement, blacktop
Roundabout	traffic circle, roundabout
Rubber	eraser
Rubbish	garbage, trash
rubbish-bin	garbage can, trashcan
saloon (car)	sedan
Shop	shop, store
silencer (car)	muffler
single (ticket)	one-way
Solicitor	lawyer, attorney
Spanner	wrench

British English	American English
Sweets	candy
Taxi	taxi, taxi cab
tea towel	dish towel
telly (informal), TV	television, TV
third-party insurance	liability insurance
timetable	schedule
tin	can
toll motorway	toll road, turnpike
torch	flashlight

British English	American English
trousers	pants, trousers
tube (train)	subway
underground(train)	subway
vest	Undershirt
waistcoat	Vest
wallet	wallet, billfold
wellington boots	rubber boots, rain boots
whisky	whisky/whiskey
windscreen	Windshield
zip	Zipper

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