

23 American English

There are differences between British English and American English, in vocabulary and also in spelling. For example, the compartment for luggage in a car is a 'boot' in British English, and a 'trunk' in American English. The spelling of 'humour' in American English is 'humor'.



GETTING STARTED

Match up the British English word with its American English equivalent.

biscuits	petrol	janitor	cookies
jumper	caretaker	closet	movie
rubbish	cupboard	vacation	sweater
sweets	film	candy	garbage
torch	holiday	gasoline	flashlight



MOVING ON

Alex writes to her friend in England. Help her change her American spelling (in bold) for British English spelling.

Alison Jones
2 Northton Street
Newtown
England

Dear Alison,

I love the **color** [_____] of the scarf you sent me.

Thanks honey. Last night my **mom** [_____] took me to the **theater** [_____] in the **center** [_____] of town to see my **favorite** [_____] play 'A View from the Bridge'. The actors were really **skillful** [_____].

I've kept the **program** [_____] to show you.

Ben is thinking of studying either **archeology** [_____] or **medieval** [_____] history at college. He always did have a brain like an **encyclopedia** [_____].

I also got some **jewelry** [_____] for Christmas, **pajamas** [_____] and my grandma gave me a **check** [_____] for \$50 which I'm putting in my bank for my trip over to see you.

Love,
Alex