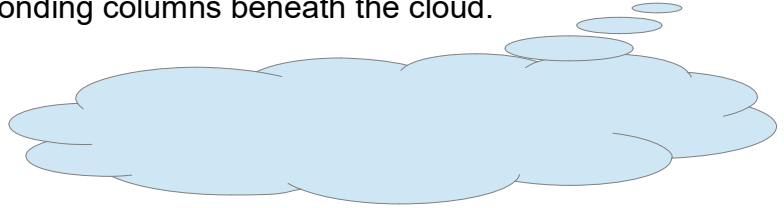


American English versus British English: Answer Key

1. Different spelling

Arrange the words into the corresponding columns beneath the cloud.



'-or'	AE	'-our'	BE	'-er'	AE	'-re'	BE
•	humor	•	humour	•	meter	•	metre
•	favorite	•	favourite	•	theater	•	theatre

'-log'	AE	'-logue'	BE	'-z'	AE	'-s'	BE
•	dialog	•	dialogue	•	to realize	•	to realise
•	catalog	•	catalogue	•	cozy	•	cosy

2. Different vocabulary

Fill in the missing equivalents.

Different words AE	Different words BE
• trunk	• boot
• mobile phone	• cellphone
• candy	• sweets
• line	• queue
• faucet	• tap
• apartment	• flat
• soccer	• football
• subway	• underground
• pants	• trousers
• schedule	• timetable
• vacation	• holidays
• check	• cheque
• tire	• tyre
• jewelry	• jewellery

3. Different vocabulary

Fill in the blanks and get to know some typical American and British sentiments at the same time!

- ★ In the States many city people live in their apartments, whereas few people in Britain live in flats as it is more common to buy houses there.
- ★ Looking at an American license plate/ tag you at least know the state where the car is registered. For the British it seems more important to know how old a car is which can be deduced from the numbers and letters on British licence plates/ tags/ number plates.
- ★ When you wait for a bus in Britain, there is often a well-ordered queue at the bus station. Patiently waiting in a line is not every American's idea.
- ★ British mothers often bake biscuits for 5 o'clock tea. American moms like to give their children cookies and some even think that they are part of a healthy diet.
- ★ Two friends on speaker phone in their cars: "Ups – I need to stop at the next petrol station. I have stood on the M25 around London for too long. What about you in Atlanta?" - "There is much traffic on I-285 too, but my fuel tank is rather full. This is why I do not need to fill up at the next gas station on my way, but my windshield is dirty – I cannot see the road clearly. So I need to find a gas station anyway."
- ★ Amanda, on the phone: "What are your plans for the weekend?"- Kate: "Well, nothing special, just a nice time out, this week in the City was not really interesting. I thought of going to the cinema and watch the new *Fast and Furious* film, eating crisps which should stop me from biting my nails because of the tension. What about you in New York?" - Amanda: "That sounds good! Actually, there is no movie for me this time. I am quite excited, we will go to the theater on Broadway tonight and see *Disney's The Lion King*. Unfortunately, you are not allowed to eat chips as it is rather formal there. Ah...reminds me, I need to prepare food and then check my wardrobe. Sorry, I need to go! Have fun, speak to you soon!" - "Thanks, the same to you, bye, dear!"