

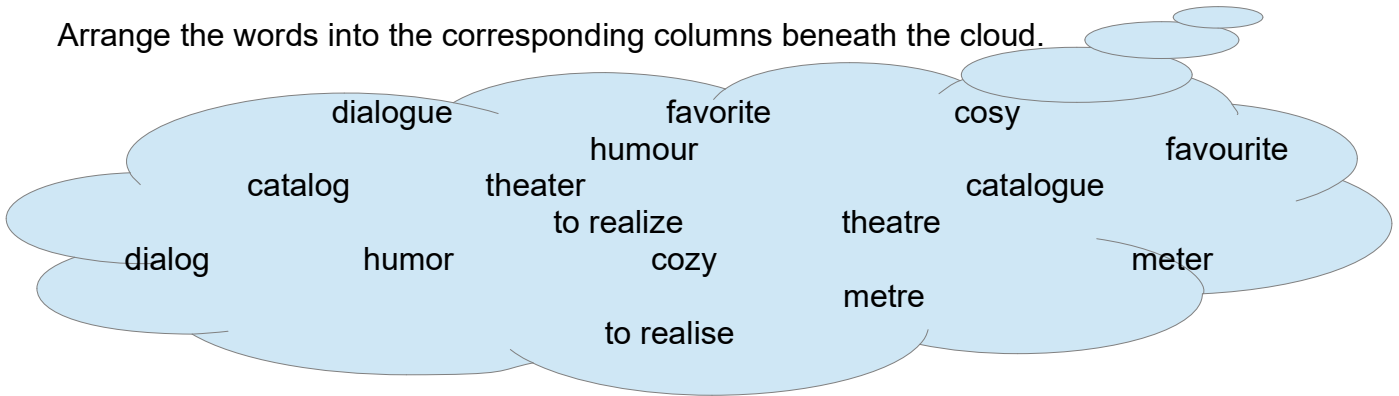


## American English versus British English: Exercises



### 1. Different spelling

Arrange the words into the corresponding columns beneath the cloud.



'-or'	AE	'-log'	AE	'-er'	AE	'-z'	AE
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'-our'	BE	'-logue'	BE	'-re'	BE	'-s'	BE
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### 2. Different vocabulary.

Fill in the missing equivalents.

Different words AE	Different words BE
• trunk	•
• mobile phone	•
•	• sweets
•	• queue
• faucet	•
•	• flat
• soccer	•
• subway	•
•	• trousers
• schedule	•
• vacation	•
•	• cheque
•	• tyre
• jewelry	•

### 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 ....., whereas few people in Britain live in ..... as it is more common to buy houses there.
- ★ Looking at an American ..... 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 .....
- ★ When you wait for a bus in Britain, there is often a well-ordered ..... at the bus station. Patiently waiting in a ..... is not every American's idea.
- ★ British mothers often bake ..... for 5 o'clock tea. American ..... like to give their children ..... 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 ..... 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 ..... station on my way, but my ..... is dirty – I cannot see the road clearly. So I need to find a ..... 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* ....., eating ..... 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 ..... for me this time. I am quite excited, we will go to the ..... on Broadway tonight and see *Disney's The Lion King*. Unfortunately, you are not allowed to eat ..... 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!"