

American - British English

American English	British English
A	
aisle	gangway
antenna, aerial	aerial (TV, radio)
anyplace, anywhere	anywhere
apartment (flat: singled floored apartments)	flat
appetizer	entrée
to argue	to quarrel
argument	quarrel, row
B	
baggage, luggage	luggage
baked potato	jacket potato
baking pan	baking tin
balcony	dress circle
ball-point pen	biro
band-aid	elastoplast
bangs	fringe
bar	pub
barber shop (men)	hairdresser
to bathe	to bath
bathrobe	dressing gown
bathroom (in private rooms)/toilet	bathroom
bathroom, rest room	toilet, loo
bathtub	bath
battery	accumulator
beauty shop	hairdresser
bedspread	duvet
beer	lager

bell pepper	pepper
bill	note
billfold	wallet
bleachers	terraces
blender	mixer
blender	liquidizer
blue jeans	jeans
bobsled	bobsleigh
boiled egg	hard cooked egg
bookstore	bookshop
to broil	to grill
brown bread	wholemeal bread
buck	quid
buddy	mate
bug	insect
bulletin board	notice board
busy	engaged
cab, taxi	taxi
to call	to ring
C	
can	tin
candy store	sweet shop
carpet pad	underlay
cart	trolley
cash register	till
casket	coffin
catalog	catalogue
cellular	mobile (phone)
center	centre
check	cheque, bill

checkers	draughts
checking account	current account
checkroom	cloakroom
cigarette	fag
closet	cupboard, wardrobe
clothes dryer	tumble dryer
clothespin	clothes peg
color	colour
commas	inverted commas
commercial	advertisement
congress	parliament
to connect sb.	to put sb. through
cookie	biscuit
corn	maize
costumes	fancy dress
cotton candy	candy floss
cozy	cosy
crazy	mad
crib	cot (Baby)
crosswalk	zebra crossing
crosswalk	pedestrian crossing
D	
a deck of cards	a pack of cards
detour	diversion
dialog	dialogue
diaper	nappy
dill pickle	pickled cucumber
directory assistance	directory enquiries
dish washing liquid	wash up liquid
doctor's office	doctor's surgery

downtown, center city	city centre
downtown	town centre
draft	draught
drain	plug hole
driver's license	driving licence
drugs, medicine	medicine
drugstore	chemist's shop
drunk driving	drink driving
duplex	semi-detached house
eggplant	aubergine
E	
elementary school	primary school
elevator	lift
emergency room	casualty department
engine (fuel-burning devices)	engine
eraser	rubber
everyplace, everywhere	everywhere
Excuse me.	Sorry.
expiration date	expiry date

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F	
face cloth	flannel
fall	autumn
faucet	tap
favorite	favourite
fender	wing
field hockey	hockey
fields day	sports day
to fill out	to fill in

fire department	fire brigades
first floor	ground floor
fish-sticks	fish-fingers
flashlight	torch
flavor	flavour
flight attendant	air hostess
freeway	motorway
freight train	goods train
French fries	chips
from Monday to Friday from Monday through Friday (all of Friday is included)	from Monday to Friday
front desk	reception
frosting	icing
funeral director	undertaker
G	
game	match
garbage	rubbish
garbage can	bin, dustbin, wastepaper basket
gas	petrol
gas pedal, accelerator	accelerator
gas station	filling station
gear shift	gear lever
generator	dynamo
German shepherd	alsatian
grade (school levels 1st - 12th) class (top 4 levels 9th - 12th = freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)	class, form
grade school	primary school
ground	earth
ground wire	earth wire

to guess	to suppose, to think
H	
hair conditioner	shampoo
hairstresser (women)	hairstresser
ham	gammon
hamburger meat, ground beef	mince meat
harbor	harbour
hardware store	ironmonger
heavy cream	double cream
high school	secondary school, grammar school
highway	main road
hockey	ice-hockey
home, at home	at home
hood	bonnet
human resources department	personnel department
humor	humour
I	
to inquire	to enquire
inquiry	enquiry
instalment plan	hire purchase
intermission	interval
intersection (city or country)	crossroads
interstate	motorway
inventory	stock
J	
jail	prison
janitor	caretaker
jelly	jam
jewelery	jewellery
John Doe	Joe Bloggs

joint	roast
jump rope	skipping rope

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K	
kerosene/kerosine	paraffin
kilometer	kilometre
Kleenex	tissue
L	
labor	labour
ladies' room	Ladies
ladybug	ladybird
laundry soap	washing up powder
law offices	chambers
lawyer	solicitor, barrister
laid off	redundant
leash	lead
legal holiday	bank holiday
letter opener	paper knife
license plate	number plate
life vest	life jacket
to line	to queue
liter	litre
long distance bus	coach
lost and found	lost property
M	
mail	post
mailbox	letterbox
mailman	postman
main street	high street

mashed potatoes	mashed potato
math	maths
Men's Room	Gents
mom	mum
motor (fuel-burning or electrical devices)	engine
motorcycle	motorbike
movie	film
movie theater	cinema
N	
Native American	American Indian
neighbor	neighbour
newspaper store	newsagent's
newsstand	bookstall
nightstand	bedside table
notebook	exercise book
O	
oatmeal	porridge
one-way ticket	single ticket
overpass	flyover
overtime	extra time

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P	
paddle	bat
pacifier	dummy
a package of cigarettes	a packet of cigarettes
panties	knickers
pants	trousers
paper towel	kitchen roll paper
parentheses	brackets

parka	anorak
parking garage	multi-storey car park
parking lot	car park
pavement	road surface
pay raise	pay rise
phone booth	call box, phone box
photoflash	flashlight
pin	badge
pitcher	jug
police officer	bobby
potato chips	crisps
powdered sugar	icing sugar
president (business)	managing director
prime rate	base rate
principal	headmaster, head teacher
program	programme
public school	state school
Q	
quiz	test
R	
railroad	railway
raincoat	mackintosh
raisin	sultana
real exciting	really exciting
regular	normal
to rent	to hire
report card	school report
reservation	booking
resume	curriculum vitae
to give s.b. a ride	to give s.b. a lift

roast	joint
rubber, condom	condom
rubbers	wellington boots
rummage sale	jumble sale
running shoes	trainers
S	
salary cut	wage cut
sales clerk	shop assistant
Santa Claus	Father Christmas
schedule	timetable
second floor	first floor
semester	term
to set the table	to lay the table
shampoo	bathing foam
shorts	pants, underpants
shot	injection, jab
sick	ill
sidewalk	pavement
silverware	cutlery
Sincerely,	Yours, sincerely
skillet	frying pan
sled	sledge
sneakers	trainers
soccer	football
social security number	national insurance number
station wagon	van
steering wheel	driving wheel
stingy	mean
stock	share
stop lights	traffic lights

store	shop
storey	floor
stove	cooker
streetcar	tram
student	pupil
subway	underground, tube
superstore	store
suspenders	braces
sweater	cardigan
swimsuit	costume
T	
tag	label
taxi stand	taxi rank
telephone operator	telephonist
theater	theatre
thread	cotton
thumbtack	drawing pin
tire	tyre
toothpick	cocktail stick
track	platform
track	tracks
traffic circle	roundabout
trailer	caravan
traveled	travelled
trench coat	duffle coat
truck	lorry
trunk	boot
turn signal	indicator
turtle	tortoise
turtle neck	polo neck

tux, tuxedo	dinner jacket
two weeks	fortnight

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U	
underpass	subway
undershirt	vest
unsweetened cocoa	cocoa powder
V	
vacation	holiday
vaccum cleaner	hoover
VCR	video
vest	waistcoat
vocational school	technical college
W	
wash up	to wash
windshield	windscreen
wrench	spanner
Y	
yard	garden
Z	
zip code	post code
zipper	zip