

American vs. British English

Introduction

This engaging matching activity helps students learn the difference between some nouns in American and British English.

Before the Lesson

Print (A4 size), laminate, and cut out the word/picture cards. In lieu of laminating, print on thicker A4 cardstock paper. Be sure to print enough copies for the amount of students you have, *for example, if you have 15 students in class, print the pdf five times and group students into threes.*

In the Lesson

Provide each group of students a set of the matching cards. Explain that they are to match the American and British cards together that have the same meaning, and match those words to the picture they belong to.

Once the students have matched all of the words/pictures, extend the activity by asking if they know which words are American English and which are British English. Ask if they know of any other words not included in the activity. Make a list on the whiteboard/blackboard/smartboard.

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
Vocabulary practice	To learn the difference between 34 American and British English words.	A1/A2	25-30 minutes

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Laminate and cut out each rectangle/square individually. Students match the American and British words that have the same meaning and then match the words to the picture they belong to.

apartment



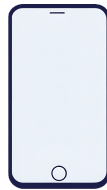
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cookies



biscuits

cellphone



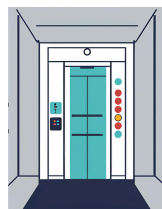
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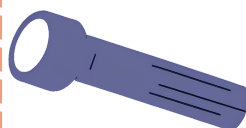
bin

elevator



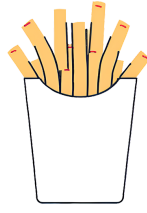
lift

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torch

(french) fries



chips

soccer



football

candy



sweets

gas(oline)



petrol

sweater



jumper

pacifier



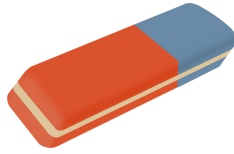
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vacation



holiday

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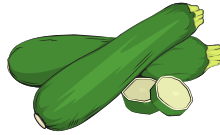
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sneakers



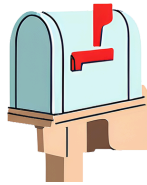
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zucchini



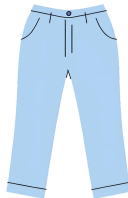
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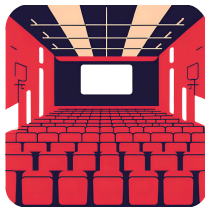
post

pants



trousers

movie theater



cinema

faucet



tap

eggplant



aubergine

parking lot



car park

yard



garden

attorney/lawyer



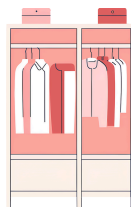
barrister/solicitor

shopping cart



trolley

closet



wardrobe

trunk



boot

zip code

10108

postcode

hood



bonnet

check



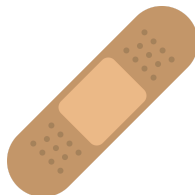
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cookie sheet



baking tray

band-aid



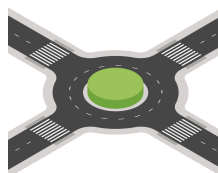
plaster

fall



autumn

traffic circle



roundabout