

## Differences between American and British English



though chips course pavement  
legs sidewalk elevator confusing fizzy

Hey! Nice pants! Excuse me? I said nice pants.

You can't see my pants, can you? Of \_\_\_\_\_ I can.

How can you see my pants? They're on your \_\_\_\_\_!

You haven't been to America recently, have you? Well, I have actually.

I've just got back from LA. That's Los Angeles, by the way. I know.

Yeah, I picked up some of the American words

and now I forget which ones to use!

So \_\_\_\_\_! Well, we call these trousers in Britain.

Of course we do.

You know, there are so many things \_\_\_\_\_

it's like a completely different language sometimes.

Really? Yeah! Would you like a crisp?

Crisps? In the States, they're \_\_\_\_\_!

Oh. So, if I want to order our chips in America, what do I ask for?

French fries! I see.

And you know what that is, don't you?

A \_\_\_\_\_ drink. That's a soda!

You know the lift over there?                      Yeah?

That's an \_\_\_\_\_.                      Oh, really?

You know, in the States, you don't go to watch a film.

You watch a movie!

Exactly! And you don't walk on the \_\_\_\_\_.

You walk on the \_\_\_\_\_!                      You got it!

I've watched a lot of films. Oops, movies.

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**Brainstorm:** What are some other differences between American and British English?

American English

British English

Do you have .....?

Have you got .....?

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## British versus American English

American English	Your Language	British English
hood		
license plate		
		queue
one-way ticket		
restroom		
pack of cards		
faucet		
		wash your hands
		dummy
eraser		
		aerial
band - aid		
check		bill
		dressing gown
		chest of drawers
		caretaker
cookie		
		waistcoat
drapes		

		motorway
truck		van, lorry
		wardrobe
		nappy
kerosene		
apartment		
		petrol
automobile		
cab		
		tin
candy		
crazy		
		lift
drug-store		chemist('s)
fall		
first floor		
		rubbish
garbage can		
		main road
		post
math		

movies		the cinema
pants		
		boot
flashlight		
		wallet
potato chips		
		railway
round trip		
schedule		
		sunglasses
sidewalk		
		shop
stove		
subway		
vacation		

**What differences can you find between American and British Spelling?**

<b>American English</b>	<b>British English</b>
color	
	humour
	theatre
kilometer	
mom	
defense	
	cosy
dialog	
traveler	
check	cheque
	jewellery
tire	
realize	
	favourite

<b>British English</b>	<b>American English</b>
anti-clockwise	counter-clockwise
autumn	fall
boot (of a car)	trunk
chips	fries or French fries
crisps	potato chips
dustbin or bin	garbage can or trash can
film	movie (or film)
flat (to live in)	apartment
garden	yard
holiday	vacation
lift	elevator
motorway	freeway or expressway
nappy	diaper
pavement	sidewalk
petrol	gas or gasoline
postcode	zip code
queue	line
sweets	candy
torch	flashlight
trousers	pants (or trousers)
tube or underground	subway
zip	zipper

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