

What are the Differences Between British And American Words?



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British and American English speakers on many occasions spell out the same term differently. For Instance: Britisher says **Aeroplane** while American pronounce the same word as **Airplane**. Besides, colour/color and centre/center etc. You can find out here more about these differences Between British And American Words.

Here's a list of various British words and American terms and their differences.

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| British english words | American english words |
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| Accommodation | Accommodations |
| Action replay | Instant replay |

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| Aerofoil | Airfoil |
| Aeroplane | Airplane |
| Agony aunt | Advice columnist |
| Allen key | Allen wrench |
| Aluminium | Aluminum |
| Aniseed | Anise |
| Anticlockwise | Counterclockwise |
| Articulated lorry | Tractor-trailer |
| Asymmetric bars | Uneven bars |
| Aubergine | Eggplant |

B

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| Baking tray | Cookie sheet |
| Bank holiday | Legal holiday |
| Beetroot | Beet(s) |
| Biscuit | Cookie; cracker |
| Black economy | Underground economy |
| Blanket bath | Sponge bath |
| Block of flats | Apartment building |
| Boiler suit | Coveralls |
| Bonnet (of a car) | Hood |
| Boob tube | Tube top |
| Boot (of a car) | Trunk |
| Bottom drawer | Hope chest |
| Bowls | Lawn bowling |
| Braces | Suspenders |
| Brawn (the food) | Headcheese |
| Breakdown van | Tow truck |
| Breeze block | Cinder block |
| Bridging loan | Bridge loan |
| Bumbag | Fanny pack |

C

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| Candyfloss | Cotton candy |
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| Car park | Parking lot |
| Casualty | Emergency room |
| Catapult | Slingshot |
| Central reservation | Median strip |
| Chemist | Drugstore |
| Chips | French fries |
| Cinema | Movie theater; the movies |
| Cling film | Plastic wrap |
| Common seal | Harbor seal |
| Consumer durables | Durable goods |
| Cornflour | Cornstarch |
| Cos (lettuce) | Romaine |
| Cot | Crib |
| Cot death | Crib death |
| Cotton bud | Cotton swab |
| Cotton wool | Absorbent cotton |
| Council estate | (housing) project |
| Courgette | Zucchini |
| Court card | Face card |
| Crash barrier | Guardrail |
| Crisps | Chips; potato chips |
| Crocodile clip | Alligator clip |
| Cross-ply | Bias-ply |
| Crotchet (music) | Quarter note |
| Current account | Checking account |

D

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| Danger money | Hazard pay |
| Demister (in a car) | Defroster |
| Dialling tone | Dial tone |
| Diamante | Rhinestone |
| Double cream | Heavy cream |
| Draughts (game) | Checkers |
| Drawing pin | Thumbtack |

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| Dressing gown | Robe; bathrobe |
| Drink-driving | Drunk driving |
| Drinks cupboard | Liquor cabinet |
| Drinks party | Cocktail party |
| Driving licence | Driver's license |
| Dual carriageway | Divided highway |
| Dummy (for a baby) | Pacifier |
| Dust sheet | Drop cloth |
| Dustbin | Garbage can |

E

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| Earth(electrical) | Ground |
| Engaged (of a phone) | Busy |
| Estate agent | Real estate agent, realtor (trademark) |
| Estate car | Station wagon |
| Ex-directory | Unlisted |

F

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| Faith school | Parochial school |
| Financial year | Fiscal year |
| Fire brigade/service | Fire company/department |
| First floor | Second floor |
| Fish finger | Fish stick |
| Fitted carpet | Wall-to-wall carpeting |
| Flannel | Washcloth |
| Flat | Apartment |
| Flexitime | Flextime |
| Flick knife | Switchblade |
| Flyover | Overpass |
| Football | Soccer |
| Footway | Sidewalk |
| Fringe (hair) | Bangs |
| Full stop (punctuation) | Period |

G

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| Garden | Yard; lawn |
| Gearing (finance) | Leverage |
| Gear lever | Gearshift |
| Goods train | Freight train |
| Greaseproof paper | Wax paper/waxed paper |
| Green fingers | Green thumb |
| Grill (noun) | Broiler |
| Grill (verb) | Broil |
| Ground floor | First floor |
| Groundsman | Groundskeeper |

H

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| Hairslide | Barrette |
| Hatstand | Hatrack |
| Hen night | Bachelorette party |
| Hire purchase | Installment plan |
| Hoarding | Billboard |
| Hob | Stovetop |
| Holdall | Carryall |
| Holiday | Vacation |
| Holidaymaker | Vacationer |
| Homely | Homey |
| Hosepipe | (garden) hose |
| In hospital | In the hospital |
| Hot flush | Hot flash |
| Housing estate | Housing development |
| Hundreds and thousands | Sprinkles (for ice cream) |

I

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| Ice lolly | Popsicle (trademark) |
| Icing sugar | Confectioners' sugar |
| Indicator (on a car) | Turn signal |
| Inside leg | Inseam |

J

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| Jelly babies | Jelly beans |
| Joe bloggs | Joe blow |
| Joe public | John q. Public |
| Jumble sale | Rummage sale |
| Jump lead | Jumper cable |
| Jumper | Sweater |
| Junior school | Elementary school |

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| Kennel | Doghouse |
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L

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| Ladybird | Ladybug |
| A lettuce | A head of lettuce |
| Level crossing | Grade crossing |
| Lift | Elevator |
| Lolly | Lollipop |
| Lollipop lady (or man) | Crossing guard |
| Loose cover | Slipcover |
| Lorry | Truck |
| Loudhailer | Bullhorn |
| Low loader | Flatbed truck |
| Lucky dip | Grab bag |
| Luggage van | Baggage car |

M

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| Maize | Corn |
| Mangetout | Snow pea |
| Market garden | Truck farm |
| Marshalling yard | Railroad yard |
| Maths | Math |
| Metalled road | Paved road |
| Milometer | Odometer |

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| Minim (music) | Half note |
| Mobile phone | Cell phone |
| Monkey tricks | Monkeyshines |
| Motorway | Expressway; highway |
| Mum/mummy | Mom/mommy |

N

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| Nappy | Diaper |
| Needlecord | Pinwale |
| Newsreader | Newscaster |
| Noughts and crosses | Tic-tac-toe |
| Number plate | License plate |

O

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| Off-licence | Liquor store; package store |
| Opencast mining | Open-pit mining |
| Ordinary share | Common stock |
| Oven glove | Oven mitt |

P

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| Paddling pool | Wading pool |
| Paracetamol | Acetaminophen |
| Parting (in hair) | Part |
| Patience | Solitaire |
| Pavement | Sidewalk |
| Pay packet | Pay envelope |
| Pedestrian crossing | Crosswalk |
| Peg | Clothespin |
| Pelmet | Valance |
| Petrol | Gas; gasoline |
| Physiotherapy | Physical therapy |
| Pinafore dress | Jumper |
| Plain chocolate | Dark chocolate |
| Plain flour | All-purpose flour |
| Polo neck | Turtleneck |

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| Positive discrimination | Reverse discrimination |
| Postal vote | Absentee ballot |
| Postbox | Mailbox |
| Postcode | Zip code |
| Potato crisp | Potato chip |
| Power point | Electrical outlet |
| Pram | Baby carriage; stroller |
| Press stud | Snap |
| Press-up | Pushup |
| Private soldier | Gi |
| Public school | Private school |
| Public transport | Public transportation |
| Punchbag | Punching bag |
| Pushchair | Stroller |
| Pylon | Utility pole |

Q

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| Quantity surveyor | Estimator |
| Quaver (music) | Eighth note |
| Queue | Line |

R

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| Racing car | Race car |
| Railway | Railroad |
| Real tennis | Court tennis |
| Recorded delivery | Certified mail |
| Registration plate | License plate |
| Remould (tyre) | Retread |
| Reverse the charges | Call collect |
| Reversing lights | Back-up lights |
| Right-angled triangle | Right triangle |
| Ring road | Beltway |
| Roundabout (at a fair) | Carousel |
| Roundabout (in road) | Traffic circle |

Rowing boat

Rowboat

S

Sailing boat

Sailboat

Saloon (car)

Sedan

Sandpit

Sandbox

Sandwich cake

Layer cake

Sanitary towel

Sanitary napkin

Self-raising flour

Self-rising flour

Semibreve (music)

Whole note

Semitone (music)

Half step

Share option

Stock option

Shopping trolley

Shopping cart

Show house/home

Model home

Silencer (on a car)

Muffler

Silver-side

Rump roast

Skeleton in the cupboard

Skeleton in the closet

Skimmed milk

Skim milk

Skipping rope

Jump rope

Skirting board

Baseboard

Sledge

Sled

Sleeper

Railroad tie

Sleeping partner

Silent partner

Slowcoach

Slowpoke

Snakes and ladders

Chutes and ladders

Solicitor

Lawyer

Soya/soya bean

Soy/soybean

Splashback

Backsplash

Spring onion

Scallion

Stag night

Bachelor party

Stanley knife

Utility knife

Starter

Appetizer

State school

Public school

Storm in a teacup

Tempest in a teapot

Surtitle

Swede

Sweet(s)

Supertitle

Rutabaga

Candy

T

Takeaway (food)

Taxi rank

Tea towel

Terrace house

Tick

Ticket tout

Timber

Titbit

Toffee apple

Touch wood

Trade union

Trading estate

Trainers

Transport cafe

Trolley

Twelve-bore

Takeout; to go

Taxi stand

Dish towel

Row house

Check mark

Scalper

Lumber

Tidbit

Candy apple or caramel apple

Knock on wood

Labor union

Industrial park

Sneakers

Truck stop

Shopping cart

Twelve-gauge

U

Underground

Subway

V

Vacuum flask

Verge (of a road)

Vest

Veterinary surgeon

Thermos bottle

Shoulder

Undershirt

Veterinarian

W

Wagon(on a train)

Waistcoat

Walking frame

Car

Vest

Walker

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Wardrobe | Closet |
| Water ice | Italian ice |
| Weatherboard | Clapboard |
| White coffee | Coffee with cream |
| White spirit | Mineral spirits |
| Wholemeal bread | Wholewheat bread |
| Windcheater | Windbreaker |
| Windscreen | Windshield |
| Wing (of a car) | Fender |
| Worktop | Countertop |

Z

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| Zebra crossing | Crosswalk |
| Zed(letter z) | Zee |
| Zip | Zipper |

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