

# British - American English

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<b>A</b>	
accelerator	gas pedal, accelerator
accumulator	battery
advertisement	commercial
aerial (TV, radio)	antenna, aerial
air hostess	flight attendant
alsatian	German shepherd
American Indian	Native American
anorak	parka
anywhere	anyplace, anywhere
at home	home, at home
aubergine	eggplant
autumn	fall
<b>B</b>	
baking tin	baking pan
bank holiday	legal holiday
barrister	lawyer
bat	paddle
base rate	prime rate
bath	bath tub
to bath	to bathe
bathing foam	shampoo
bathroom	bathroom (in privaten Räumen)/toilet
bedside table	nightstand
bill	check
bin	garbage can
biro	ball-point pen

biscuit	cookie
bobby	police officer
bobsleigh	bobsled
bonnet	hood
booking	reservation
bookshop	bookstore
bookstall	newsstand
boot	trunk
braces	suspenders
brackets	parentheses
<b>C</b>	
call box	phone booth
candy floss	cotton candy
car park	parking lot
caravan	trailer
caretaker	janitor
casualty department	emergency room
catalogue	catalog
centre	center
chambers	law offices
chemist's shop	drugstore
cheque	check
chips	French fries
cinema	movie theater
city centre	downtown
class	grade
cloakroom	checkroom
clothes peg	clothespin
coach	long distance bus
cocktail stick	toothpick

cocoa powder	unsweetened cocoa
coffin	casket, coffin
colour	color
condom	rubber, condom
cooker	stove
costume	swimsuit
cosy	cozy
cot (Baby)	crib
cotton	thread
crisps	potato chips
crossroads	crossroad (Land) intersection (Stadt und Land)
cupboard	closet
current account	checking account
curriculum vitae	resume
cutlery	silverware
<b>D</b>	
dialogue	dialog
dinner jacket	tux, tuxedo
directory enquiries	directory assistance
diversion	detour
doctor's surgery	doctor's office
double cream	heavy cream
draught	draft
draughts	checkers
drawing pin	thumbtack
dress circle	balcony
dressing gown	bathrobe
drink driving	drunk driving
driving licence	driver's license

driving wheel	steering wheel
duffle coat	trench coat
dummy	pacifier
dustbin	garbage can
duvet	bedspread
dynamo	generator
<b>E</b>	
earth	ground
earth wire	ground wire
elastoplast	band-aid
engaged	busy
engine	motor
to enquire	to inquire
enquiry	inquiry
entrée	appetizer
everywhere	everyplace, everywhere
exercise book	notebook
expiry date	expiration date
extra time	overtime

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fag	cigarette
fancy dress	costumes
Father Christmas	Santa Claus
favourite	favorite
to fill in	to fill out
filling station	gas station
film	movie
fire brigade	fire department
first floor	second floor

fish-fingers	fish-sticks
flannel	face cloth, wash cloth
flashlight	photoflash
flat	apartment (flat: eingeschossige Wohnung)
flavour	flavor
floor	storey
flyover	overpass
football	soccer
form	grade
fortnight	two weeks
fringe	bangs
from Monday to Friday	from Monday to Friday from Monday through Friday (Freitag eingeschlossen)
frying pan	skillet
gammon	ham
gangway	aisle
garden	yard
gear lever	gear shift
Gents	Men's Room
to give s.b. a lift	to give s.b. a ride
goods train	freight train
grammar school	high school
to grill	to broil
ground floor	first floor
hairdresser	barber shop
hairdresser	hairdresser, beauty shop
harbour	harbor
hard cooked egg	boiled egg
headmaster, head teacher	principal

high street	main street
to hire	to rent
hire purchase	instalment plan
hockey	field hockey
holiday	vacation
hoover	vaccum cleaner
humour	humor
ice-hockey	hockey
icing	frosting
icing sugar	powdered sugar
ill	sick
indicator	turn signal
injection	shot
insect	bug
interval	intermission
inverted commas	commas
ironmonger	hardware store
jab	shot
jacket potato	baked potato
jam	jelly
jeans	blue jeans
jewellery	jewelery
Joe Bloggs	John Doe
jug	pitcher
jumble sale	rummage sale

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<b>K</b>	
kilometre	kilometer
kitchen roll paper	paper towel

knickers	panties
<b>L</b>	
label	tag
labour	labor
Ladies	ladies' room
ladybird	ladybug
lager	beer
to lay the table	to set the table
lead	leash
letterbox	mailbox
life jacket	life vest
lift	elevator
liquidizer	blender
litre	liter
lorry	truck
lost property	lost and found
luggage	baggage, luggage
<b>M</b>	
mackintosh	raincoat
mad	crazy
main road	highway
maize	corn
managing director	president (business)
mashed potato	mashed potatoes
match	game
mate	buddy
maths	math
mean	stingy
medicine	drugs, medicine
mince meat	hamburger meat, ground beef

mixer	blender
mobile (phone)	cellular
motorbike	motorcycle
motorway	freeway, interstate
multi-storey car park	parking garage
mum	mom
<b>N</b>	
nappy	diaper
national insurance number	social security number
neighbour	neighbor
newsagent's	newspaper store
normal	regular
note	bill
notice board	bulletin board
number plate	license plate

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<b>P</b>	
a pack of cards	a deck of cards
a packet of cigarettes	a package of cigarettes
pants	shorts
paper knife	letter opener
paraffin	kerosene/kerosine
parliament	congress
pavement	sidewalk
pay rise	pay raise
pedestrian crossing	crosswalk
pepper	bell pepper
personnel department	human resources department
petrol	gas



phone box	phone booth
pickled cucumber	dill pickle
platform	track
plug hole	drain
polo neck	turtle neck
porridge	oatmeal
post	mail
post code	zip code
postman	mailman
primary school	elementary school grade school
prison	jail
programme	program
pub	bar
pupil	student
to put sb. through	to connect sb.
<b>Q</b>	
quarrel	argument
to quarrel	to argue
to queue	to line
quid	buck
<b>R</b>	
railway	railroad
really exciting	real exciting
reception	front desk
redundant	laid off
to ring	to call
road surface	pavement

roundabout	traffic circle
row	argument
rubber	eraser
rubbish	garbage
<b>S</b>	
school report	report card
secondary school	high school
semi-detached house	duplex
shampoo	hair conditioner
share	stock
shop	store
shop assistant	sales clerk
single ticket	one-way ticket
skipping rope	jump rope
sledge	sled
solicitor	lawyer
Sorry.	Excuse me.
spanner	wrench
sports day	fields day
state school	public school
stock	inventory
store	superstore
subway	underpass
sultana	raisin
to suppose	to guess
sweet shop	candy store
<b>T</b>	
tap	faucet
taxi	cab, taxi
taxi rank	taxi stand

technical college	vocational school
telephonist	telephone operator
term	semester
terraces	bleachers
test	quiz
theatre	theater
till	cash register
timetable	schedule
tin	can
tissue	Kleenex
to think	to guess
toilet, loo	bathroom, rest room
torch	flashlight
tortoise	turtle
town centre	downtown
tracks	track
traffic lights	stop lights
trainers	sneakers
tram	streetcar
travelled	traveled
trolley	cart
trousers	pants
tumble dryer	clothes dryer
tyre	tire

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<b>U</b>	
underground, tube	subway
underlay	carpet pad
underpants	shorts

undertaker	funeral director
<b>V</b>	
van	station wagon
vest	undershirt
video	VCR
<b>W</b>	
wage cut	salary cut
waistcoat	vest
wallet	billfold
wardrobe	closet
to wash	wash up
wash up liquid	dish washing liquid
washing up powder	laundry soap
wastepaper basket	garbage can
wellington boots	rubbers
wholemeal bread	brown bread
windscreen	windshield
wing	fender
<b>Y</b>	
Yours, sincerely	Sincerely,
<b>Z</b>	
zebra crossing	crosswalk
zip	zipper