

British English

A

aerial (radio/TV)

American football

anorak

articulated lorry

aubergine

autumn

B

bank holiday

bank note

bap

bat (ping pong)

bath

bath (v.)

bathroom

big dipper

bill

bill/account

billion = million million

biscuit (sweet)

black or white?(coffee)

blackleg/scab

black treacle

blind (window)

block of flats

block of flats

blue jeans

bomb (success)

bonnet (car)

book (v.)

boot (car)

American English

antenna

football

parka

trailer truck/semi trailer

eggplant

fall

legal holiday

bill

hamburger bun

paddle

bathtub

bathe

bathroom/restroom/washroom

roller coaster

check (restaurant)

account

billion = thousand million

cookie

with or without?

scab

molasses

shade

apartment house

apartment building

dungarees/jeans

bomb (disaster)

hood

make reservation

trunk

bootlace/shoelace
bowler/hard hat
braces
break (school)
briefs/underpants
broad bean
bureau de change
butter muslin/cheese cloth

C

candyfloss
caravan
caretaker/porter
car park
catapult
cattle grid
centre (city/business)
central reservation
chairman (business)
chemist
chemist's shop
chest of drawers
chips
cinema
class/form (school)
cloakroom
cloakroom attendant
clothes peg
conscription
contraceptive/condom
convoy
cooker
corn flour

shoestring
derby
suspenders
recess
shorts/jockey shorts
lima bean
currency exchange
cheese cloth

cotton candy
trailer
janitor
parking lot
slingshot
Texas gate
downtown
median strip/divider
president
druggist
pharmacy/drugstore
dresser/bureau
French fries
movie house/theater
grade
check room
hat check girl
clothes pin
draft
rubber
caravan
stove
corn starch

corporation/local authority

cot/crib

cotton

cotton reel

cotton wool

courgette

court shoe

cream cracker

crisps

cul-de-sac

cupboard

curtains

D

desiccated (coconut)

director (company)

directory enquiries

directory enquiries

district

diversion

drain (indoors)

draper

draught excluder

draughts

drawing pin

dressing-gown

dual carriageway

dummy

dungarees

dustbin/bin

dynamo

E

eiderdown

city/municipal government

crib

thread

spool

cotton batting

zucchini

pump

soda cracker

chips/potato chips

dead end

closet

drapes

shredded

manager

information assistance

directory assistance

precinct

detour

sewer pipe

drygoods store

weather stripping

checkers

thumb tack

bathrobe

divided highway

pacifier

overalls

garbage can/trash can

generator

comforter

state agent

estate car

F

fair (fun)

filling station / petrol station

film

first floor

fish slice

fitted carpet

flannel

flat

flex

fly-over

football/soccer

fortnight

foyer

full stop (punctuation)

funny bone

G

gallery (theatre)

gangway

gaol

garden

gear lever

giddy

give a bell(to phone)

goods truck (railway)

goose pimples

gramophone/record player

greenfingers

grill (v.)

guard (railway)

realtor

station wagon

carnival

gas station

movie

second floor

spatula/egg lifter

wall to wall carpet

wash cloth

apartment

electric cord/wire

overpass

soccer

two weeks

lobby/foyer

period

crazy bone

balcony

aisle

jail

yard

gear shift

dizzy

give a buzz

freight truck

goose bumps

phonograph/record player

green thumb

broil

conductor

gym shoes/plimsolls
tennis shoes/trainers

sneakers/tennis shoes
sneakers/tennis shoes

H

hair grip/kirby grip
handbag
hardware
headmaster/mistress
hire purchase
holiday
homely (=pleasant)
hoover (n.)
hoover (v.)
housing estate

bobbie pin
purse/pocket book
housewares
principal
installment plan
vacation
homely (=ugly)
vacuum cleaner
vacuum
sub-division

I

ice/sorbet
iced lolly
icing sugar
icing sugar
identification parade
immersion heater(electric)
interval
ironmonger

sherbet
popsicle
powdered sugar
confectioner's sugar
line-up
water heater
intermission
hardware store

J

jab (injection)
joint (meat)
jug
jumper/sweater/pullover

shot
roast
pitcher
sweater/pullover

K

kiosk/box (telephone)
kipper
knickers (girl's)
knock up (tennis)

telephone booth
smoked herring
underwear/panties
warm up

knock up (call from sleep)

in American slang this
means to get a woman pregnant

L

label

tag

larder

pantry

lavatory/toilet/w.c./loo

john/bathroom/washroom

lay-by

pull-off

leader

editorial

(leading article in newspaper)

leader(1st violin in orchestra)

concert master

left luggage office

baggage room

let

lease/rent

level crossing (railway)

grade crossing

lift

elevator

limited (company)

incorporated

lodger

roomer

lorry

truck

lost property

lost and found

M

mackintosh

raincoat

made to measure

custom made

managing director/MD

general manager

marrow

squash

methylated spirits

denatured alcohol

mileometer

odometer

motorway

freeway/throughway

motorway

super highway

N

nappy

diaper

neat (drink)

straight

net curtains

sheers/under drapes

newsagent

news dealer/news stand

nought

zero

noughts and crosses

number plate

O

off license/wine merchant

oven cloth/gloves

overtake (vehicle)

P

pack (of cards)

packed lunch

panel beater

pants (boy's underwear)

paraffin

parcel

pavement/footpath

personal call

petrol

pillar box/letter box

plaster/elastoplast

point/power point/socket

post

postal code

postman

postponement

pram

prison

public convenience

public school

pudding

purse

pushchair

put down/entered(goods)

put through (telephone)

tic-tac-toe

license plate

liquor store

pot holder/oven mitt

pass

deck

sack lunch/bag lunch

body shop

shorts/underwear

kerosene

package

sidewalk

person-to-person call

gas/gasoline

mail box

bandaid

outlet/socket

mail

zip code

mailman/postman

raincheck

baby carriage/baby buggy

penitentiary

bathroom/restroom/washroom

private school

dessert

change purse

stroller

bought/charged

connect

Q

queue (n.)

line

queue (v.)

stand in line/line up

R

rasher (bacon)

slice

reception (hotel)

front desk

receptionist

desk clerk

return ticket

round trip ticket

reverse charges

call collect

reversing lights

back up lights

ring up/phone

call/phone

roof/hood (car)

top

roundabout (road)

traffic circle

rubber

eraser

rubbish

garbage/trash

S

saloon car

sedan

scribbling pad/block

scratch pad

sellotape

scotch tape

semi-detached

duplex

semolina

cream of wheat

shattered

exhausted

shop assistant

sales clerk/sales girl

sideboard

buffet

sideboards (hair)

sideburns

silencer (car)

muffler

single ticket

one way ticket

sitting room

living room

living room

living room

lounge

living room

drawing room

living room

skipping rope

jump rope

skirting board	baseboard
sledge/toboggan	sled
smalls (washing)	underwear
sofa	davenport/couch
solicitor	lawyer/attorney
sorbet	sherbet
spanner	monkey wrench
spirits (drink)	liquor
spring onion	scallion/green onion
staff (academic)	faculty
stalls (theatre)	orchestra seats
stand (for public office)	run
standard lamp	floor lamp
state school	public school
sellotape	adhesive tape
stone (fruit)	pit
sultana	raisin
surgery(doctor's/dentist's)	office
surgical spirit	rubbing alcohol
suspender belt	garter belt
suspenders	garters
swede	turnip/rutabaga
sweet corn	corn
sweet shop/confectioner	candy store
sweets/chocolate	candy
Swiss roll	jelly roll
T	
tadpole	pollywog
tap	faucet
teat (baby's bottle)	nipple
tea trolley	tea cart
telegram	wire

telephone box	phone booth
term academic (3 in a year)	semester(2 in a year)
tights	pantyhose
time-table	schedule
tin	can
tip (n. and v.)	dump
torch	flashlight
traffic lights	stop lights
traffic lights	traffic signals
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trousers	pants/slacks
truncheon (police)	night stick
trunk call/long distance	long distance call
tube/underground	subway
turnover	sales/revenue
turn-ups (trousers)	cuffs (pants)

U

undergraduates:	undergraduates:
- 1st year	- freshman
- 2nd year	- sophomore
- 3rd year	- junior
- 4th year	- senior
unit trust	mutual fund