

# AMERICAN or British?

YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WILL PLACE YOU ON ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER OF A CULTURAL GAP WIDER THAN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

**1** Imagine you're buying an ice cream. Would you:

- a) order a combination of five different flavours with chocolate fudge sauce on top?
- b) Politely ask the salesman to choose a flavour for you?

**2** Do you eat hamburgers:

- a) with a knife and fork so you don't get messy?
- b) with your hands?

**3** When you have a cold drink, do you:

- a) put enough ice in it to sink the Titanic?
- b) Take the ice out and ask for your glass to be filled higher?

**4** What is a 'bathroom'?

- a) A room with a bath in it.
- b) A room with a toilet in it.

**5** If you were making a sandwich, would you:

- a) create a skyscraper of bread, meats, cheeses, salad and dressing?
- b) Put a millimetre of cheese between two slices of bread?

**6** If you had to drive 100km to a restaurant, what would you think?

- a) Great, we're eating locally tonight.
- b) I wonder if I'll need my passport?

**7** Do you drink tea:

- a) with milk?
- b) with ice and sugar from a can?



**8** If your pet dog ate your pet cat's food as well as his own, would you:

- a) think your dog was either hungry, or greedy?
- b) take him to a dog analyst to find out if he had a split personality?

**9** When you get older (about twenty-two years old) if you notice that you have a tiny line on your face when you smile, will you:

- a) have a full facelift?
- b) ignore it?

**10** If you heard someone insult your country, what would you say?

- a) "How dare you. Insult my country and you insult me!", then sing the national anthem?
- b) Agree.

**11** You receive a two-hundred-year-old desk for a present.

Do you:

- a) polish it every day and redecorate your room to go with it?
- b) think, "Didn't they have any new ones?" and put it in the garage.

**12** You're having problems with your boyfriend/girlfriend.

Do you:

- a) appear on a few talk shows and visit a few psychoanalysts until you find a solution to the problem?
- b) sort it out on your own?

## ANSWERS

1	a) US	b) GB	7	a) GB	b) US
2	a) GB	b) US	8	a) GB	b) US
3	a) US	b) GB	9	a) US	b) GB
4	a) GB	b) US	10	a) US	b) GB
5	a) US	b) GB	11	a) GB	b) US
6	a) US	b) GB	12	a) US	b) GB