

The differences between Americans & British people

Themselves



Americans aim to do three things in life:

look after 'Number One', live forever and look beautiful and young for as long as possible and make lots of money or become famous. They will do anything to achieve these three goals.

The British are very different. They would like to be quite rich, but are happy to accept it if they're not. They would never dream of putting themselves before others (which is why they like to queue so much and allow people to go in front of them in races), even if their lives depended on it.

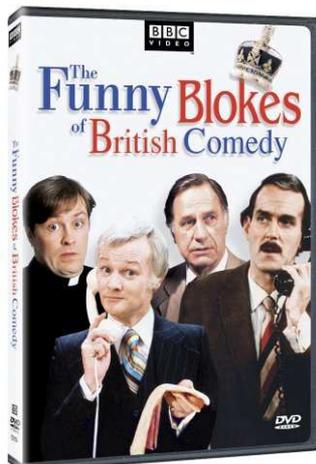
Food and drink

The Americans love food, in large quantities and endless varieties. Many American meals often don't even fit on the plate. Americans like their food to be wrapped in cling film (or shrink-wrap as Americans call it) and ready for the microwave. This is true unless of course they are Californians in which case they eat 'raw energy food' known to the rest of the world as salad.



The British only eat food to survive and would never dream of enjoying it. They prefer to cook their food for twice as long as necessary just to make sure it's done, and don't like to have too many choices on menus as they find it impossible to make up their minds.

Television



America has thousands of TV channels because most Americans have a very short attention span. TV and film companies won't film anyone who isn't blonde and beautiful, who is slightly overweight or who does not have perfect teeth, unless they are appearing on a talk show.

Britain is well known for its comedy, drama and award winning commercials (or 'advertisements' as those Brits would say) and the fact that it has only five TV channels. However, as most British people would never want to appear on TV, they don't need more than five channels.

Children

Both British and American parents are proud of their children, but here the similarity ends. American parents publicly admire their children and like to share their successes with everyone, assuming that everyone else is interested. They change their children if they don't

like them the way they are, by, for example, straightening their teeth or boosting their self-confidence by planning extra activities for them.

British parents think that too much praise would make their children overconfident. British parents are happy to accept their children as nature intended, even if it means their teeth look terrible.

Weather

In America, *hot and sunny* means that you should wear factor 20 sun cream and you could cook eggs on the sidewalk (or 'pavement' as the Brits would say).

In Britain, *hot and sunny* means it isn't raining so you should expose any white skin in a public place until it goes pink, or it starts to rain.



Houses



Americans spend thousands of dollars employing decorators to create a perfect home and lifestyle for themselves. They are particularly fond of gadgets, as well as things which are remote controlled (garage doors and temperature controls), extremely large (fridges) or just for lazy people (ice cube dispensers).

Britons really like patterned carpets and furniture (as many different patterns as possible in the same room) and are not concerned that they live in freezing conditions indoors as well as outdoors.

