

Sección 1

Webs recomendadas para complementar o teu traballo. Fai click sobre o enlace ou copia o enderezo na barra do teu navegador.

British vs American English

<http://www.mansioningles.com/vocabulario63.htm> (vocabulario por campos semanticos e pronunciación)

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/questions/americanbritish.html>

<http://iteslj.org/v/e/ck-british-american.html> (quiz de vocabulario, algo difícil)

<http://esl.about.com/library/vocabulary/blbritam.htm> Para buscar equivalentes directos.

<http://www.ompersonal.com.ar/omexpress/idioma/britishVSamerican.htm> Listados de vocabulario por orde alfabética e pronunciación.

Present Simple and Present Continuous

<http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/presentcontinuous.html> Explicación gramatical con exercicios ao final da páxina

<http://www.englishpage.com/verbpage/verbs1.htm> Exercicio complementario

<http://www.saberingles.com.ar/curso/lesson06/04b.html>. Frequency adverbs.

http://www.englishlearner.com/tests/present_simple_continuous_quiz_1.shtml Máis exercicios

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWccPqg1DbI&feature=related> Present Simple

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcLmJ65B89A&feature=related>. Video explicativo Present Continuous

Appearances

<http://www.learnenglish.de/basics/appearances.htm> Vocabulario. Expresións básicas

<http://www.lingolex.com/appearance.htm>. Vocabulario completo bilingüe.

Likes and dislikes.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/radio/specials/1423_how_to_express/page2.shtml

<http://www.learn-english-online.org/Lesson33/Course/Lesson33.htm> Vocabulario

<http://www.ac-nancy-metz.fr/enseign/anglais/Henry/gout.htm>

<http://www.saberingles.com.ar/curso/lesson06/03b.html>

1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

1. He (not play) tennis today because he forgot his racquet.
2. they (like) their new home?
3. My party is at 8.00 tonight. you (come)?
4. My mother usually (not cook) on Sundays. Sometimes we (eat) in restaurants and sometimes we (go) to friends for dinner.
5. Why Sarah (not sing) with the other children today?
Because she (not remember) the words.

2. Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the affirmative or negative of the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

drive • drink • watch • sleep • rain • go

1. Take your umbrella, it outside.
2. Many people coffee in the mornings because it helps them wake up.
3. The President his own car. He has a chauffeur.
4. I am ill so I to work today.
5. It's morning here, but in California people because it's still night.
6. She the sunset every evening because she thinks the colours are beautiful.

3. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple or Present Continuous.

Many people who (1) (look) for a job today won't find one. Steve Jeffes has got some important advice if you (2) (try) to find a job. He (3) (believe) that the reason that many people today (4) (not be) successful job-hunters is because of their appearance. In his book Appearance is Everything, he (5) (explain) that attractive people often (6) (find) jobs more easily. Jeffes (7) (not think) that this is fair.
Therefore, right now, Jeffes (8) (collect) data to prove his point. He (9) (want) to suggest a law so everybody has an equal chance of finding a job.

Answers:

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| 1. 1. isn't playing | 4. doesn't ... cook, eat, go |
| 2. Do ... like | 5. isn't ... singing, doesn't remember |
| 3. Are ... coming | |
| | |
| 2. 1. is raining | 4. am not going |
| 2. drink | 5. are sleeping |
| 3. doesn't drive | 6. watches |
| | |
| 3. 1. are looking | 6. find |
| 2. are trying | 7. doesn't think |
| 3. believes | 8. is collecting |
| 4. aren't | 9. wants |
| 5. explains | |

Exercises

98.1 Decide if the speaker is using British English or American English, and cross out the incorrect answer.

- 1 We've decided to take our vacation in the autumn/fall this year.
- 2 At my son's high school the new term/semester starts next week.
- 3 I never eat biscuits or sweets/candy.
- 4 Put that garbage in the dustbin/trashcan.
- 5 The trousers look nice with that waistcoat/vest.
- 6 The lorry/truck came past us on the highway.
- 7 My apartment is on the fourth floor but I'm afraid there's no lift/elevator.
- 8 The people next door are on holiday/vacation. They'll be away for a fortnight.
- 9 We left the car in the car park / parking lot and took the subway to the centre.
- 10 My trainers are in the wardrobe/closet.

98.2 Now complete this table.

<i>British English</i>	<i>American English</i>
.....	vacation
trousers
.....	apartment
trainers
.....	high school
biscuits
.....	garbage
.....	highway
fortnight
.....	subway

98.3 This text includes some words used in American English. Underline them and write the British English words on the right-hand side.

It was getting near lunchtime and I needed some gas, so I left
the freeway and drove towards the nearest town. There was
a gas station just outside the town and I decided to stop and
have a look round. I put the car in a parking lot and took a
cab to the centre. It was midday and very hot, so I stopped at
a little cafe with tables on the sidewalk. I started talking to a
truck driver, who gave me a history of the town, and afterwards
he took me on a guided tour. It made a very nice break.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

98.4 Here are some more American English words that are explained in different parts of this book. What is the British English equivalent?

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>American English</i> | <i>British English</i> |
| 1 stand/wait in line | |
| 2 drapes | |
| 3 collect call | |
| 4 attorney | |
| 5 check (in a restaurant) | |

Answers:

- 98.1**
- 1 American (because of vacation): fall
 - 2 American (because of high school): semester
 - 3 British (because of biscuits): sweets
 - 4 American (because of garbage): trashcan
 - 5 British (because of trousers): waistcoat
 - 6 American (because of truck): highway
 - 7 Probably American (because of apartment): elevator
 - 8 British (because of fortnight): holiday
 - 9 American (because of subway with this meaning): parking lot
 - 10 British (because of trainers): wardrobe

98.2	<i>British</i>	<i>American</i>
	holiday	vacation
	trousers	pants
	flat	apartment
	trainers	sneakers
	secondary school	high school
	biscuits	cookies
	rubbish	garbage
	main road	highway
	fortnight	two weeks / fourteen days
	underground (tube)	subway

- 98.3**
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| 1 gas/petrol | 5 cab/taxi |
| 2 freeway/motorway | 6 sidewalk/pavement |
| 3 gas station / petrol station or garage | 7 truck driver / lorry driver |
| 4 parking lot / car park | |

- 98.4**
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|---------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1 queue | 2 curtains | 3 reverse charge call | 4 barrister | 5 bill |
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British words vs. American words

Write the common American word instead of the British English word:

She bought a tin of beer - She bought a of beer.

He bought some sweets. He bought some .

She took her clothes from the wardrobe. She took her clothes from the .

She ate a biscuit. She ate a .

They bought a pack of cards. They bought a of cards.

The baby needed a new nappy. The baby needed a new .

A pencil and a rubber are necessary tools. A pencil and an are necessary tools.

Fill up the tank with petrol. Fill up the tank with .

It was all rubbish. It was all .

What class are you in? What are you in?

The postman delivered a parcel. The delivered a .

The tube is an effective transport. The is an effective transport.

They had three weeks holiday. They had three weeks .

The car drove in the round-about. The car drove in the circle.

They approached a crossroads. They approached an .

British spelling vs. American spelling

The following words are spelled in British English - write the American spelling:

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