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British English	American English
A	
aerial (radio/TV)	antenna
American football	football
anorak	parka
articulated lorry	trailer truck/semi trailer
aubergine	eggplant
autumn	fall
B	
bank holiday	legal holiday
bank note	bill
bap	hamburger bun
bat (ping pong)	paddle
bath	bathtub
bath (v.)	bathe
bathroom	bathroom/restroom/washroom
big dipper	roller coaster
bill	check (restaurant)
bill/account	account
billion = million million	billion = thousand million
biscuit (sweet)	cookie
black or white?(coffee)	with or without?
blackleg/scab	scab
black treacle	molasses
blind (window)	shade
block of flats	apartment house
block of flats	apartment building
blue jeans	dungarees/jeans
bomb (success)	bomb (disaster)
bonnet (car)	hood

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book (v.)	make reservation
boot (car)	trunk
bootlace/shoelace	shoestring
bowler/hard hat	derby
braces	suspenders
break (school)	recess
briefs/underpants	shorts/jockey shorts
broad bean	lima bean
bureau de change	currency exchange
butter muslin/cheese cloth	cheese cloth
C	
candyfloss	cotton candy
caravan	trailer
caretaker/porter	janitor
car park	parking lot
catapult	slingshot
cattle grid	Texas gate
centre (city/business)	downtown
central reservation	median strip/divider
chairman (business)	president
chemist	druggist
chemist's shop	pharmacy/drugstore
chest of drawers	dresser/bureau
chips	French fries
cinema	movie house/theater
class/form (school)	grade
cloakroom	check room
cloakroom attendant	hat check girl
clothes peg	clothes pin
conscription	draft
contraceptive/condom	rubber
convoy	caravan
cooker	stove
corn flour	corn starch
corporation/local authority	city/municipal government
cot/crib	crib
cotton	thread
cotton reel	spool
cotton wool	cotton batting
courgette	zucchini
court shoe	pump

cream cracker	soda cracker
crisps	chips/potato chips
cul-de-sac	dead end
cupboard	closet
curtains	drapes
D	
desiccated (coconut)	shredded
director (company)	manager
directory enquiries	information assistance
directory enquiries	directory assistance
district	precinct
diversion	detour
drain (indoors)	sewer pipe
draper	drygoods store
draught excluder	weather stripping
draughts	checkers
drawing pin	thumb tack
dressng-gown	bathrobe
dual carriageway	divided highway
dummy	pacifier
dungarees	overalls
dustbin/bin	garbage can/trash can
dynamo	generator
E	
eidernown	comforter
state agent	realtor
estate car	station wagon
F	
fair (fun)	carnival
filling station / petrol station	gas station
film	movie
first floor	second floor
fish slice	spatula/egg lifter
fitted carpet	wall to wall carpet
flannel	wash cloth
flat	apartment
flex	electric cord/wire
fly-over	overpass
football/soccer	soccer
fortnight	two weeks
foyer	lobby/foyer

full stop (punctuation)	period
funny bone	crazy bone
G	
gallery (theatre)	balcony
gangway	aisle
gaol	jail
garden	yard
gear lever	gear shift
giddy	dizzy
give a bell(to phone)	give a buzz
goods truck (railway)	freight truck
goose pimples	goose bumps
gramophone/record player	phonograph/record player
greenfingers	green thumb
grill (v.)	broil
guard (railway)	conductor
gym shoes/plimsolls	sneakers/tennis shoes
tennis shoes/trainers	sneakers/tennis shoes
H	
hair grip/kirby grip	bobbie pin
handbag	purse/pocket book
hardware	housewares
headmaster/mistress	principal
hire purchase	installment plan
holiday	vacation
homely (=pleasant)	homely (=ugly)
hoover (n.)	vacuum cleaner
hoover (v.)	vacuum
housing estate	sub-division
I	
ice/sorbet	sherbet
iced lolly	popsicle
icing sugar	powdered sugar
icing sugar	confectioner's sugar
identification parade	line-up
immersion heater(electric)	water heater
interval	intermission
ironmonger	hardware store
J	
jab (injection)	shot

joint (meat)	roast
jug	pitcher
jumper/sweater/pullover	sweater/pullover
K	
kiosk/box (telephone)	telephone booth
kipper	smoked herring
knickers (girl's)	underwear/panties
knock up (tennis)	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 (leading article in newspaper)	editorial
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	tic-tac-toe
number plate	license plate
O	
off license/wine merchant	liquor store
oven cloth/gloves	pot holder/oven mitt
overtake (vehicle)	pass
P	
pack (of cards)	deck
packed lunch	sack lunch/bag lunch
panel beater	body shop
pants (boy's underwear)	shorts/underwear
paraffin	kerosene
parcel	package
pavement/footpath	sidewalk
personal call	person-to-person call
petrol	gas/gasoline
pillar box/letter box	mail box
plaster/elastoplast	bandaid
point/power point/socket	outlet/socket
post	mail
postal code	zip code
postman	mailman/postman
postponement	raincheck
pram	baby carriage/baby buggy
prison	penitentiary
public convenience	bathroom/restroom/washroom
public school	private school
pudding	dessert
purse	change purse
pushchair	stroller
put down/entered(goods)	bought/charged
put through (telephone)	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
traffic lights	stop signals
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

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