

### Exercise: American and British spellings

For the following words in **bold**: Choose American if it's in American spelling, choose British if it's in British spelling. Also write down the other missing spelling:

1. Have you ever been to the Kennedy Space **Center**?

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

2. Can I have a **litre** of milk, please?

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you want to lose weight, stop eating so many **donuts**.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

4. He was wearing black jeans and a **grey** shirt.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

5. Yesterday, I bought some new blue **trousers**.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

6. She hadn't seen her friend in ages, she didn't **recognise** her at all.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

7. They **analyzed** the test sample.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

8. Don't forget all the **favours** he's done for you in the past.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

9. She **modeled** for a popular fashion magazine.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

10. All the houses in the estate are the same **color**.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

11. They sent us a **catalog** with new products.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

12. I was **travelling** in Asia for 2 months.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

13. We both ordered burgers and **chips**.

**American** \_\_\_\_\_  **British** \_\_\_\_\_

Now try to put these **bolded** words from the exercise above into the following categories, and try to think of some additional examples:

Categories	Sentence numbers or <b>words</b>
<p><b>OUR VS OR</b></p> <p>Some words using <b>-OUR</b> in British English, and in <b>-OR</b> in American English</p>	
<p><b>ISE/YSE VS IZE/YZE</b></p> <p>Some verbs ending in <b>-ISE/YSE</b> in British English, and <b>-IZE/YZE</b> in American English</p>	
<p><b>OG VS OGUE</b></p> <p>Some words that use <b>-OGUE</b> in British English, and either <b>-OG or -OGUE</b> in American English</p>	
<p><b>An extra 'L'</b></p> <p>Some words are spelled with double <b>'L'</b> in British English, while it is more often only a single <b>'L'</b> in American English</p>	
<p><b>ER vs RE</b></p> <p>Words that end <b>-RE</b> in British English often end in <b>-ER</b> in American English</p>	
<p><b>Simplifications and Different words</b></p> <p>Many words have adapted an American spelling, that is closer to its pronunciation (artefact vs. artifact), or have invented new words for the same thing (sweets vs. candy; jumper vs. sweatshirt/pullover)</p>	