

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BRITISH AND AMERICAN ENGLISH

The article deals with the problem of the English language that is different from the point of view of semantics, pronunciation, writing and grammar in native speakers of British and American cultures. It also demonstrates examples of these differences and provides recommendations to the correct translation, meaning, pronunciation and usage of individual words.

The aim is to understand and realize why one and the same word in the English language can be pronounced differently, have a different value depending on its relationship to one or other kind of speech.

The main differences between British English and American cultures are that the same language is spoken in different places, and it's expressed in varieties or dialects.

British and American variants of English language are used in the following major areas:

- 1). Semantics (meaning of words);
- 2) Pronunciation;
- 3) Writing;
- 4) Grammar.

Semantics. Two important differences in the meaning of the words:

- 1) one and the same object can have completely different names;
- 2) the same word is used in both types of languages, but it may have a completely different meaning.

Differences of this type can discourage even native speakers. Such words are often referred to American/British 'false friends'.

There are also some differences in British and s American spelling:

-our	-or
humour, labour, favourite, behaviour	humor, labor, favorite, behavior
ter	ter
centre, litre, theatre, spectre	center, liter, theater, specter

One of the ways of studying English is to explore rich, diverse, elegant British English, and on its basis to develop full of slang expressions American variant of the language.

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