

American vs. British Spelling Differences

Quick Reference Chart

Common Words

American	British
• jewelry	• jewellery
• draft	• draught
• pajamas	• pyjamas
• plow	• plough
• program	• programme
• tire	• tyre
• aluminum	• aluminium
• mustache	• moustache
• mommy	• mummy
• specialty	• speciality

-ED vs. -T

American	British
• dreamed	• dreamt
• learned	• learnt
• leaped	• leapt
• burned	• burnt

-DG vs. -DGE

American	British
• aging	• ageing
• abridgment	• abridgement
• judgment	• judgement

-ENSE vs. -ENCE

American	British
• defense	• defence
• license	• licence
• pretense	• pretence

-ER vs. -RE

American	British
• center	• centre
• meter	• metre
• theater	• theatre

-OG vs. -OGUE

American	British
• analog	• analogue
• catalog	• catalogue
• dialog	• dialogue

-K vs. -QUE

American	British
• bank	• banque
• check	• cheque
• checker	• chequer

-OR vs. -OUR

American	British
• color	• colour
• favorite	• favourite
• honor	• honour
• armor	• armour

-LL vs. -L

American	British
• enrollment	• enrolment
• fulfill	• fulfil
• skillful	• skilful

-E vs. -OE or -AE

American	British
• encyclopedia	• encyclopaedia
• maneuver	• manoeuvre
• medieval	• mediaeval
• leukemia	• lukaemia

-ZE vs. -SE

American	British
• analyze	• analyse
• criticize	• criticise
• memorize	• memorise