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| **Canadian, British and American English: A Comparison of Spelling** | | | | | |
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| British and American spellings sometimes vary. Canadian spelling generally follows British usage, although both forms are recognized. | | | | | |
| **American ⇨ British** | | **american** | **canadian** | **british** | |
| **OR ⇨ OUR** | | fav**or**  hon**or** | fav**our**  hon**our** | | |
| **C ⇨ S** | | pract**ice**  noun/verb | pract**ise**verb  pract**ice**noun | | |
| **L ⇨LL** | | trave**l**ed  cance**l**ed | trave**ll**ed  cance**ll**ed | | |
| **ER ⇨ RE** | | theat**er**  cent**er** | theat**re**  cent**re** | | |
| **GRAM ⇨ GRAMME** | | progra**m** | progra**mme**  BUT (computer) progra**m** | | |
| **Z ⇨ S** | | organi**z**e  organi**z**ation | | | organi**s**e  organi**s**ation |

**Canadian, British and American English: A Comparison of Vocabulary**

British and American vocabulary is sometimes completely different. Canadian English generally uses American vocabulary. Some common examples:

**American English** **British English**

apartment flat

elevator lift

gas petrol

sweater jumper

trunk (of a car) boot

fries chips

**Canadian, British and American English: A Comparison of Grammar**

British and American grammar occasionally varies. Canadian English tends to follow American usage. Some common examples are:

**Prepositions:**

**British**  *I played tennis* ***at*** *the weekend*. *We live* ***in*** *High Street.*

**American** *I played tennis* ***on*** *the weekend*. *We live* ***on*** *High Street.*

**Verb Use:**

**British** *I* ***have got*** *a car.*

*British Airways* ***have*** *a flight to Paris today*. (plural verb with “mass” noun)

**American** *I* ***have*** *a car.*

*British Airways* ***has*** *a flight to Paris today.* (singular verb with “mass” noun)

**Past Tense Verb Forms:**

**Verb British American**

dream dreamt dreamed

learn learnt learned

fit fitted fit

wed wedded wed

knit knitted knit

light lighted lit