

## Pacifiers for Dummies: US vs. UK English

### Getting started

What do you know about the differences between the two variations when it comes to vocabulary?

Discuss briefly at your tables and let me know:

- Is British English more original/correct than American English?
- Does it have a higher status?
- What is most common to you?
- Which variation do you prefer? Why?
- Which variation do you speak?
- Do you connect American English with something specific? – Do you connect British English with something special?

Let's look into the differences:

[Jonathan Ross Show](#)

[Trevor Noah](#)

- Anything funny here? To whom?
- Can we explain (some of) the differences?
- Can a foreign view on language tell us anything interesting? (as when South African Trevor Noah visits the USA)

### Brief individual task

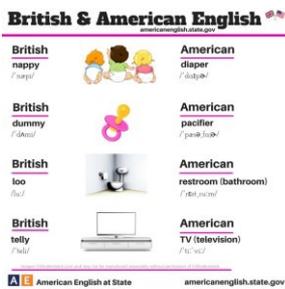
Write a story in 80-100 words.

Your story's title must be borrowed from a film or a TV series, e.g. Friends, Homeland, After Life, Suits, Liar Liar, Walk the Line etc.

Go to: [major differences](#)

Choose *either* American or British English. If you choose **American English**, your story must include **seven American words** from the list **plus one error** (i.e. one British word).

If you choose **British English**: Include **seven British words + one American** (of course, you are not allowed to include a "mistake" which cannot be heard (like traveling/travelling))



It is a good idea to study the words in the list!

## Pair work

When you have finished writing your story, go to someone at another table. Read him/her your story. He/she of course has to figure out which mistake you included. Then listen to your partner's story and try to guess. Give a hint if necessary!

## Rounding off

An excellent story: Is well-written, includes the required words, has a title that somehow matches the content.

If you feel like it, we will listen to a story or two in class.

Any problems finding out what is what? Why?