

Test II

1. Read the article.



British & American English –
the same, but different

British and American people **speak** the same language – English, but with some small differences.

VOCABULARY
Some words are different in American English, **for example** Americans say *zip code*, not *postcode*, *vacation*, not *holiday*, and *cell phone*, not *mobile phone*. Some words have different **meanings**, for example in British English a *purse* is a thing where women have their **money** and credit cards. In American English a *purse* is a woman's bag.

SPELLING
Colour, favour, and other words that **end in -our** in British English end with **-or** in American English, e.g. *color, favor*. *Centre, theatre*, and other words that end in **-tre** in British English end with **-ter** in American English, e.g. *center, theater*.

GRAMMAR
American grammar is very **similar** to British grammar, but with some small differences, especially prepositions. For example, Americans say *See you Friday*, but British people say *See you on Friday*.

PRONUNCIATION
The most important difference between American and British English is pronunciation. American **accents** and British accents are quite different, and when an American starts speaking British people know he or she is American, and **vice versa**.

2. Look at the highlighted words in the text and guess their meaning.

3. Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

1. American English and British English are very different.
2. Holiday and postcode are the same in British and American English.
3. Purse has different meaning in American and British English.
4. Kilometres is British spelling.
5. British and American grammar are not very different.
6. It's difficult to know from their accent if a person is English or American.

4. In the street. Watch or listen to five people and answer the questions.



1. Her name is _____.

- a Cecilia b Cecil c Cecile
2. Andy's from Newcastle in the _____ of England.
a North East b North West c South East
3. David is _____
a Italian b French c Spanish
4. Karin is _____.
a Swiss b Brazilian c Hangarian
5. Her name is _____.
a Arya b Aria c Arja