

**US English:** Students practice words that are different in British English and American English.

**Link to standard/advanced textbook:** Unit 2, an extra activity for e.g. the Reading lesson.

**Difficulty level:** Medium

**Time:** +/- 30 mins

**Option 1**

Worksheets










**Option 3**

Computer lab+internet connection

**Link to the materials**

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-themes-usa.htm>

## Option 1: Worksheets

<b>Preparation:</b>																															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Print out the worksheet and cut up into words and definitions.</li> </ul>																															
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