**American English versus British English: Answer Key**

**1. Different spelling**

Arrange the words into the corresponding columns beneath the cloud.

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| **'-or' AE** | **'-our' BE** | **'-er' AE** | **'-re' BE** |
| * humor | * humour | * meter | * metre |
| * favorite | * favourite | * theater | * theatre |

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| **'-log' AE** | **'-logue' BE** | **'-z' AE** | **'-s' BE** |
| * dialog | * dialogue | * to realize | * to realise |
| * catalog | * catalogue | * cozy | * cosy |

**2. Different vocabulary**

Fill in the missing equivalents.

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| **Different words AE** | **Different words BE** |
| * trunk | * boot |
| * mobile phone | * cellphone |
| * candy | * sweets |
| * line | * queue |
| * faucet | * tap |
| * flat | * apartment |
| * soccer | * football |
| * subway | * underground |
| * pants | * trousers |
| * schedule | * timetable |
| * vacation | * holidays |
| * check | * cheque |
| * tire | * tyre |
| * jewelry | * jewellery |

**3. Different vocabulary**

Fill in the blanks and get to know some typical American and British sentiments at the same time!

* In the States many city people live in their apartments, whereas few people in Britain live in flats as it is more common to buy houses there.
* Looking at an American license plate/ tag you at least know the state where the car is registered. For the British it seems more important to know how old a car is which can be deduced from the numbers and letters on British licence plates/ tags/ number plates.
* When you wait for a bus in Britain, there is often a well-ordered queue at the bus station. Patiently waiting in a line is not every American's idea.
* British mothers often bake biscuits for 5 o'clock tea. American moms like to give their children cookies and some even think that they are part of a healthy diet.
* Two friends on speaker phone in their cars: “Ups – I need to stop at the next petrol station. I have stood on the M25 around London for too long. What about you in Atlanta?” - “There is much traffic on I-285 too, but my fuel tank is rather full. This is why I do not need to fill up at the next gas station on my way, but my windshield is dirty – I cannot see the road clearly. So I need to find a gas station anyway.”
* Amanda, on the phone: “What are your plans for the weekend?”- Kate: “Well, nothing special, just a nice time out, this week in the City was not really interesting. I thought of going to the cinema and watch the new *Fast and Furious* film, eating crisps which should stop me from biting my nails because of the tension. What about you in New York?” - Amanda: ”That sounds good! Actually, there is no movie for me this time. I am quite excited, we will go to the theater on Broadway tonight and see *Disney's The Lion King*. Unfortunately, you are not allowed to eat chips as it is rather formal there. Ah...reminds me, I need to prepare food and then check my wardrobe. Sorry, I need to go! Have fun, speak to you soon!” - “Thanks, the same to you, bye, dear!”