**American English versus British English: Exercises**

**1. Different spelling**

Arrange the words into the corresponding columns beneath the cloud.

*dialogue favorite cosy humour favourite catalog theater catalogue*

*theatre to realize*

*dialog humor cozy meter*

*metre to realise*

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| **'-or' AE** | **'-log' AE** | **'-er' AE** | **'-z' AE** |
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| **'-our' BE** | **'-logue' BE** | **'-re' BE** | **'-s' BE** |
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**2. Different vocabulary.**

Fill in the missing equivalents.

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| **Different words AE** | **Different words BE** |
| * trunk |  |
| * mobile phone |  |
|  | * sweets |
|  | * queue |
| * faucet |  |
|  | * apartment |
| * soccer |  |
| * subway |  |
|  | * trousers |
| * schedule |  |
| * vacation |  |

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|  | * cheque |
|  | * tyre |
| * jewelry |  |

**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 …........................, whereas few people in Britain live in .................... as it is more common to buy houses there.
* Looking at an American …........................ 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 ….........................
* When you wait for a bus in Britain, there is often a well-ordered …........................ at the bus station. Patiently waiting in a …........................ is not every American's idea.
* British mothers often bake …........................ for 5 o'clock tea. American …........................ like to give their children …........................ 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 …........................ 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 …........................ station on my way, but my …........................ is dirty – I cannot see the road clearly. So I need to find a …........................ 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* …........................, eating …........................ 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 …........................ for me this time. I am quite excited, we will go to the …........................ on Broadway tonight and see *Disney's The Lion King*. Unfortunately, you are not allowed to eat …........................ 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!”