

# The Americans and the Britons

Intermediate level

# Task 1: Warm-up

**Look at the pictures. What can you see here?**



**Brainstorm ideas that you associate with these countries.**

## Task 2: Quiz

Let's take a quiz - [Are you American or British?](#)



**Do you agree with the result? Why yes/no?**

# Task 3: Discussion

## Discuss the questions in pairs.

1. Have you ever visited the USA or the UK? If so, what did you like about these countries? If not, would you like to visit them? Why yes/no?
2. Do you know anyone from the US or UK? If so, could you describe their personality?
3. What do you think are the main cultural differences of these two countries?
4. Rank the things that you associate with the UK. Put the first things that come to your mind about the UK at the top (Queen Elizabeth, monarchy, tea, food, music, football, London).
5. Name three things that you like and dislike about the US.



# Task 4: Watching a video.

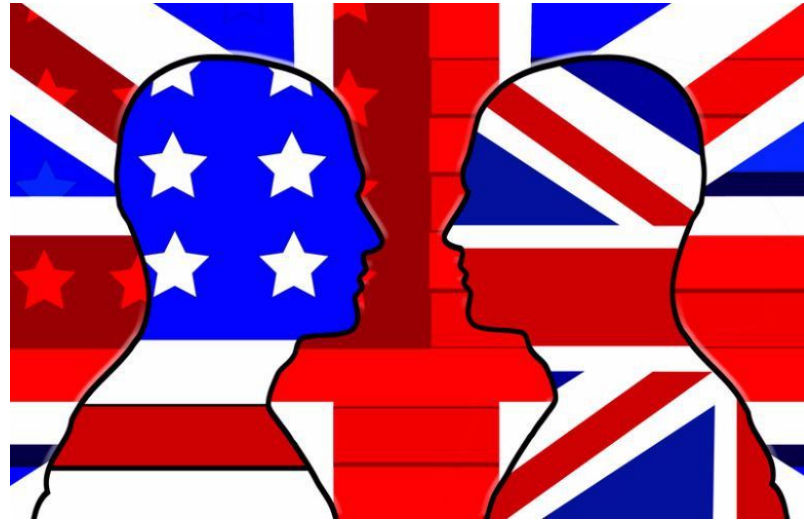
**Watch the video (till 02:06) and tick the differences mentioned in it. Then speak about them in detail.**

- Opening the windows
- Holding doors open
- Waiting in line
- Purchasing in a supermarket
- Drinking too much tea
- Apologizing
- Speaking quietly
- Using nicknames



## Task 5: Watching a video.

**What do you think are the main differences of American and British boys? Watch the video (till 01:07) and check your guesses.**



## Task 6: Watching a video

- a) **The Americans and the British differ not only in their culture but also language. Here are several words. Put them in the appropriate column** (*autumn - fall, tap - faucet, pickles - gherkins, jelly - jam, jello - jelly, property - real - estate, yard - garden, estate agent - realtor* ).

American English	British English

- b) Watch [the video \(till 01:27\)](#). Were your guesses right?

## Task 7: Watching a video

- a) Watch the video (01:40-till 04:05) about weird laws in Great Britain. Name the most unusual laws that still exist in the UK.
  
- b) There are some strange laws in the USA as well. Watch the video (00:28-till the end). When and where is it forbidden to sound horn?



## Task 8: Role play

**Work in pairs and role play the situations using appropriate words.**

**Student A from the USA:** *fall, faucet, pickles, jelly, jello, real estate, yard, realtor.*

**Student B from the UK:** *autumn, tap, gherkins, jam, jelly, property, garden, estate agent.*

**Situation 1:** *Student A is lost in London and asks Student B for directions.*

**Situation 2:** *Student B is in the USA and goes to a restaurant. Student A is a waiter/waitress in the restaurant.*

# Task 9: Follow - up discussion

## **Discuss the questions in pairs.**

- 1) What cultural similarities can you find in your country that exist in the US or the UK?
- 2) Is apologizing common in your culture? Do you consider apologizing many times too polite?
- 3) Describe boys in your country. Are they more similar to the American or the British boys?
- 4) What is the weirdest law that exist in the US/UK? Why do you think so?
- 5) Is there any law in your country that you consider strange?



# Task 10: Freer Practice

**Student A: Choose a topic and talk about it for 2 min.**

**Topic 1:** *Where (how/ who with) would you like to spend your holidays this year? Will your choice depend on the culture? Why?*

**Topic 2:** *If you had a chance to move to one of these countries, which one would you choose - the US or the UK? Why? What job would you find there? What obstacles might you face there? And how would you overcome them?*

**Student B: Listen to your partner. Do you agree with him?  
What would you change in the plan?**