



UK VS US SPELLING

Separated by common Language



American and British spelling differences include simple changes that affect the meaning, pronunciation and use of words. Today, native and non-native English speakers are the largest group in the world, but the dialects they speak are shockingly different.

Past participles & simple past verbs are often spelled differently.



-ed
ending

Smelled
Spelled
Dreamed
Leaned



-t
ending

Smelt
Spelt
Dreamt
Leant

UK spellings favor "-RE" endings while American variation use "-ER".



Is it the **theatre** in the town **centre**? Or the **theater** in the town **center**?

British extras.

- An extra **"U"**
- **"-OU"** combination found in the middle words
- **"-UE"** endings **"ANALOGUE"**, **"CATALOGUE"**, **"DIALOGUE"**



Glamour moustach catalogue

"LL" before the ending when following the UK spelling.



-LL

Mr. Traveller

Memori_e!

S

or

Z



-IZE

Analyze
Organize
Prioritize



-ISE

Analyse
Organise
Prioritise

French tendencies in British spelling (since 1066).

Extra **"E"**s are frequently added or retained.



AGEING retain the last **-E**

The most important point to remember is consistency.
Many ESL speakers find they have a natural preference for one or the other.