

Regional Labels: American and British Usage



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A. Each of the following terms has a meaning that is specifically American.
For that meaning, what is the British equivalent?

1. out-box _____
2. corn _____
3. advice column _____
4. garbage truck _____
5. thumbtack _____
6. insurance adjuster _____
7. instant replay _____
8. kerosene _____
9. mailbox _____
10. oatmeal _____

B. Each of the following terms has a meaning that is specifically British.
For that meaning, what is the American equivalent?

1. bonnet _____
2. saloon _____
3. diversion _____
4. full stop _____
5. identity parade _____
6. nappy _____
7. patience _____
8. rucksack _____
9. spanner _____
10. visiting card _____

Answers:
A. 1. out tray 2. maize 3. agony column 4. dust cart 5. drawing pin 6. loss adjuster 7. action replay 8. paraffin 9. letter box, postbox 10. porridge
B. 1. hood 2. sedan 3. detour 4. period 5. lineup 6. diaper 7. softaire 8. backpack 9. wrench 10. calling card