

# Reference

## Countries, nationalities, and languages

Country	Nationality	Official language(s)
Australia	Australian	English
Austria	Austrian	German
Brazil	Brazilian	Portuguese
Canada	Canadian	English and French
Germany	German	German
Holland	Dutch	Dutch
Mexico	Mexican	Spanish
The Philippines	Filipino/Filipina	Filipino and English
Thailand	Thai	Thai
The United States	American	English

**A** *Where's she from?*

*What nationality is she?*

*Which language does she speak?*

**B** *(She's from) Australia.*

*(She's) Australian.*

*(She speaks) English.*

## Currencies

Country	Currency	Symbol
Australia	Australian dollar	(\$)
Brazil	real	(R\$)
Canada	Canadian dollar	(\$)
China	yuan	(¥)
EU (European Union)	euro	(€)
Hong Kong	HK dollar	(\$)
India	rupee	(₹)
Indonesia	rupiah	(Rp)
Japan	yen	(¥)
Korea	won	(₩)
Mexico	peso	(MX\$)
New Zealand	NZ dollar	(\$)
Singapore	Singapore dollar	(\$)
Thailand	baht	(฿ / ฿)
United Kingdom	pound	(£)
United States	US dollar	(\$)

**A** *Which currency do people use in Australia?*

**B** *They / We use Australian dollars.*

## American English (AE) and British English (BE) differences

The most important differences are in spelling and vocabulary.

### Spelling

The main differences in spelling are:

	AE	BE
-or / -our	color, neighbor, favorite	colour, neighbour, favourite
-z- / -s-	organization, recognize	organisation, recognise
-er / -re	theater, meter	theatre, metre

### Vocabulary

Some useful examples:

AE	BE
apartment	flat
cell phone	mobile phone
(potato) chips	(potato) crisps
cookie	biscuit
driver's license	driving licence
drugstore	chemist
elevator	lift
first floor	ground floor
french fries	chips
gasoline, gas	petrol
one-way ticket	single (ticket)
parking lot	car park
period (in punctuation)	full stop
scotch tape	sellotape
sidewalk	pavement
subway (train)	underground, tube

- A** How do you say 'apartment' in British English?      **B** Flat.  
**A** How do you say 'mobile phone' in American English?      **B** Cell phone.