

Dialects of English

What do you call this?



In American English, this is an Elevator. In British English, this is a Lift.
Another difference, is that in American English, the “1st floor” is typically the “1st Floor,” but in British English, it is the “Ground Floor.”
For the floor above the “main floor,” in American English it is the “2nd Floor,” but in British English it is the “1st Floor.”
So, if you're traveling with an international group of people, you want to make sure you really know which Floor you're talking about.

What do you call this potato product?



In American English, it is Potato Chips. In British English, these are (Potato) Crisps.
This is a very important difference because of the next image...

Same Thing, Different Words

What do you call this potato product?



In American English they are (French) Fries. In British English, they are Chips (as in the famous “Fish and Chips.”)

The differences in American English and British English could easily be a topic for the whole year. If you would like to know more, please search online, or better yet – make foreign friends!

In English:

<http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/words/british-and-american-terms>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_American_and_British_English

In Japanese:

<http://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E3%82%A2%E3%83%A1%E3%83%AA%E3%82%AB%E8%8B%B1%E8%AA%9E>

<http://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E3%82%A4%E3%82%AE%E3%83%AA%E3%82%B9%E8%8B%B1%E8%AA%9E>