



American and British English Word Stress

Some words are pronounced differently in American and British English variations. Although the meanings are exactly the same and, generally, these words are used in the same way, the stress within the word is in a different position.

Other

There are also a few words in the English language where the American variation and the British variation have alternative pronunciation of words. Below is a list of some of these words and their stress in each variation.

British Stress	American Stress	Definition
Aluminium	Aluminium	(Noun) A strong, silver metal
Baptise	Baptize	(Verb) To admit somebody to the church
Caribbean	Caribbean	(Noun) A region in the Atlantic Ocean and near Central and South America
Hospitable	Hospitable	(Adjective) To be welcoming
Margarine	Margarine	(Noun) A butter that is made. from animal fat/vegetable oil
Marshmallow	Marshmallow	(Noun) A sweet spongy food
Obligatory	Obligatory	(Adjective) Required by law or rules
Opportune	Opportune	(Adjective) Appropriate time
Oregano	Oregano	(Noun) A herb, commonly used on pizzas
Premature	Premature	(Adjective) Early
Respiratory	Respiratory	(Adjective) Relating to breathing
Weekend	Weekend	(Noun) Saturday and Sunday