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Unit 5 Languages around the world

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A survey

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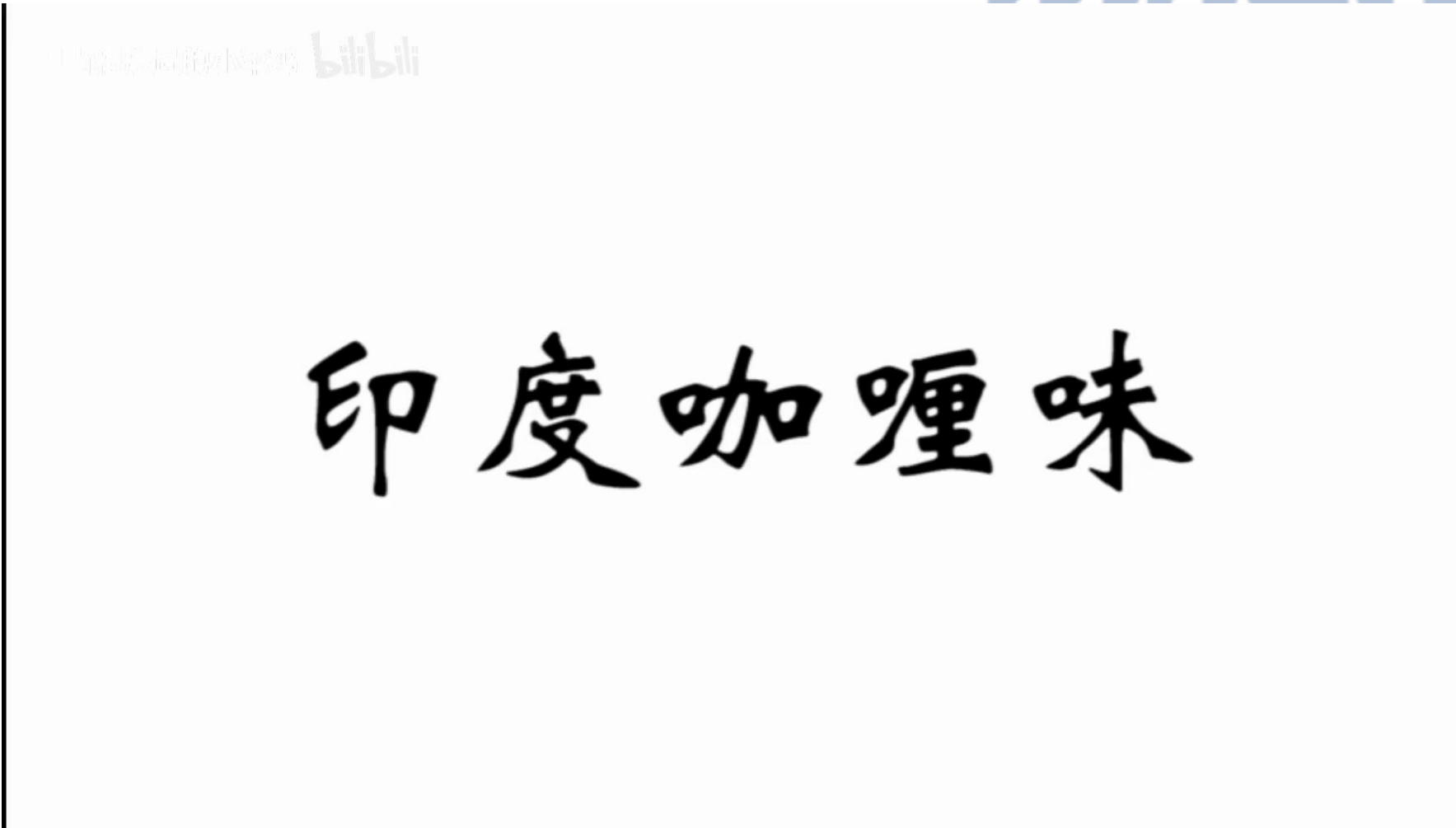
culture???

**When you learn English,
which confuses you most?**

pronunciation



Watch the Video. What language is they speaking?

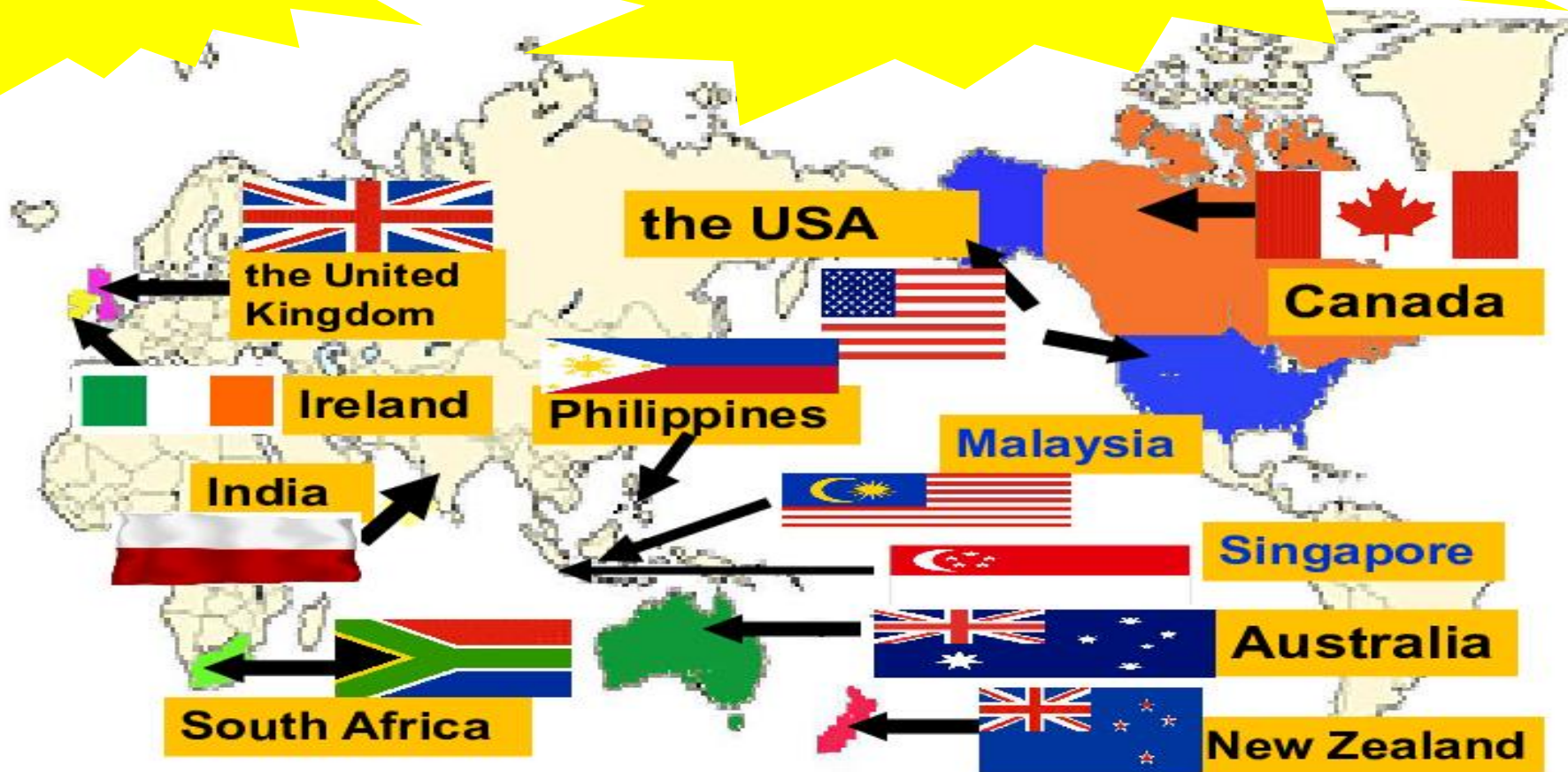


Why are there so many varieties of English?

English is the third one with the most native speakers

dialects

Varieties of English





Activity1: Listen to the first part of the talk and answer questions.

1. What are the different kinds of English mentioned?

2. In what ways are these kinds of English different from each other?

3. For who can these differences cause confusion?

Activity2: Listen to the conversation between an American and her British friend. Tick the words that the student is confused by.



semester/term



restroom/toilet



gas/petrol



subway/underground



*British
English*



VS

*American
English*



Activity3: Talking

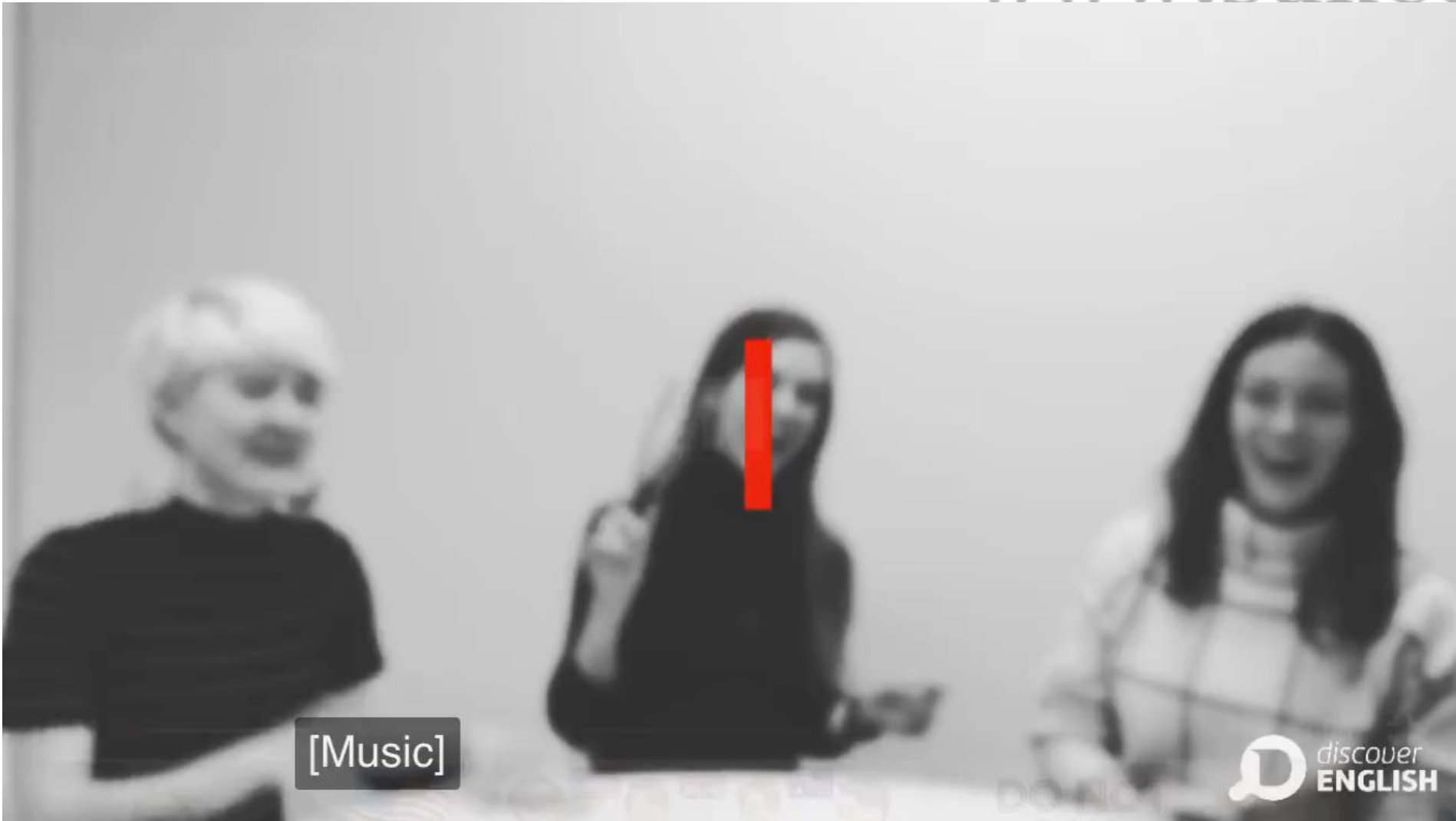
Which words are British English and which are American English?

British
American

					
petrol	sweet	toilet	honour	mum	flat
gas	candy	restroom	honor	mom	apartment

Find More examples that show the differences among

Take notes of the examples as much as possible.





AE: Mickey D's
Australia :Mac's



BE: bathroom
AE: restroom
Australia : dummy



BE: flat
AE: apartment
Australia :unit



BE: shops
AE: grocery stores
Australia :supermarkets



BE: biscuits
AE: cookies
Australia : biccy



BE: sweets
AE: candy
Australia : lollies



BE: downtown
AE: city center
Australia : CBD



BE: swimming costumes
AE: swimming suits
Australia : swimmers



BE: pepper
AE: bell pepper
Australia : capsicum

What differences can be found between the BE ,AE and Aus E?

Will such differences be barriers in their communication?

Differences	British English	American English	Australian English
Pronunciation	Without obvious [r]	With obvious [r]	With obvious [r]
Spelling	biscuit	cookies	Very unique; simpler
Intonation	Oh! My God.	More various	More various

Diff: Such differences can cause some misunderstandings in their communication but they can clear it up.

Activity4: Role-play and Read the conversation.

Martin: Hey, Zhou Wei, do you want to go shopping? There's a sale at my favourite store.

Zhou Wei: Oh, yes! I really need to buy some pants.

Martin: Pants? That's funny. I don't usually go shopping with my friends for pants.

Zhou Wei: You don't? Don't you like to have somebody tell you if the pants look good or no

Martin: Er... Not really ... Hey, wait, do you mean trousers—what you and I are wearing on our legs right now?

Zhou Wei: What misunderstanding has happened? American English, isn't it?

Martin: Yes, it is! I knew what you meant, by the way. I was just joking with you. Did you know that in British English, "pants" means something very different?

Zhou Wei: Really? So what does it mean?

Martin: In British English, the word "pants" means underwear. ...

In American English, "*pants*" refers to *trousers*. But the word "pants" means *underwear* in British English.

What kind of interesting misunderstandings will happen in their communication?

How can we clear it up?

Ask for clarification(解释澄清).

Find out the expressions to ask for clarification.

Confusion

You don't?

Clarification

That's what I mean by pants.

I knew what you mean by the way.

Really? What does it mean?

More expressions for clarification:

Do you mean...?

I'm sorry. Would you mind repeating...?

I beg your pardon.

So am I right in saying...?

So what you're really saying is...



Assignment: make a conversation Role-play

1. Choose one or two pairs of words in Activities 3 and make a conversation. Use the expressions for clarification.





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Possible Example:

The misunderstandings caused by the differences between AE & BE.

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Possible dialogue

Martin: Hey, Zhou Wei, do you want to go shopping? There's a sale at my favorite store.

Zhou Wei: Oh, yes! I really want to buy some books.

Martin: Really? I know there is a bookshop on the first floor.

Zhou Wei: **I beg your pardon.** Is the bookshop on the first floor?
But I know it is on the second floor.

Martin: **I know what you meant.** That's American English, isn't it?

Zhou Wei: Yes, **am I right in saying** that?

Martin: Of course, they have the same meaning.

Zhou Wei: So, let's go .

