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| American English | British English |
| Line (with people); queue (with things, i.e., telephone ) | Queue (people and things) |
| Booth (people at a fair or expo); stall (animals/barns); stand (people and sales of physical objects) | Stall—people, animals, sales |
| Inquire | Enquire |
| Question | Query |
| Cell phone | Mobile or Mobile phone |
| Color | Colour |
| A question, i.e., “I have a question about …” | Doubt, i.e. “I have a doubt…” |
| Pick up or use | Catch up |
| Elevator | Lift |
| Apartment | Flat |
| 6 floor walk-up—apartment building without an elevator | Flat |
| Business card | Visiting card |

There are several variations between American English and British English. You will need to do the following to assist you:

* Change your Windows default setting from British English to American English. This will pick up spelling errors and make word suggestions
* Use spell checker
* Use grammar checker
* Purchase a separate program, like “White Smoke’’, to use in addition to spell checker and grammar checker within the Word program

Additionally, consider:

* Words with red, blue or green underline are a problem. Figure out the problem and fix it.
* Fix the grammar and spelling problems **before** turning in assignments
* **Purchase the course textbooks**
* **Go to the GEMS writing center**