



VOCABULARY

British and American English

A

Match the words and phrases which have the same meaning. For each pair, decide which is British English and which is American English.

- 1 subway
- 2 city centre
- 3 carry-on baggage
- 4 one way
- 5 return
- 6 freeway
- 7 rest room
- 8 elevator
- 9 coach class
- 10 timetable
- 11 car park
- 12 queue
- 13 check
- 14 reservation
- 15 ground floor

- a) line
- b) lift
- c) public toilet
- d) schedule
- e) economy class
- f) single
- g) first floor
- h) bill
- i) booking
- j) round trip
- k) downtown
- l) motorway
- m) underground
- n) hand luggage
- o) parking lot

B

Work in pairs. Use the American English words or phrases from Exercise A to complete this text.

My last overseas business trip was a nightmare from start to finish. First of all, there was a delay on the way to the airport, as there was an accident on the freeway¹. When I got there, I found the lower level of the airport² was flooded. Next, my³ was too big and heavy, so I had to check it in. When we arrived, the⁴ was closed, and there were no cabs at all. After a long time trying to figure out the⁵ and waiting in⁶ for 40 minutes, we finally got a bus⁷ and found the hotel. Then there was a problem with our room⁸ and, would you believe it, the⁹ wasn't working, and our rooms were on the fifth floor.

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40 Listen to the recording and check your answers to Exercise B.