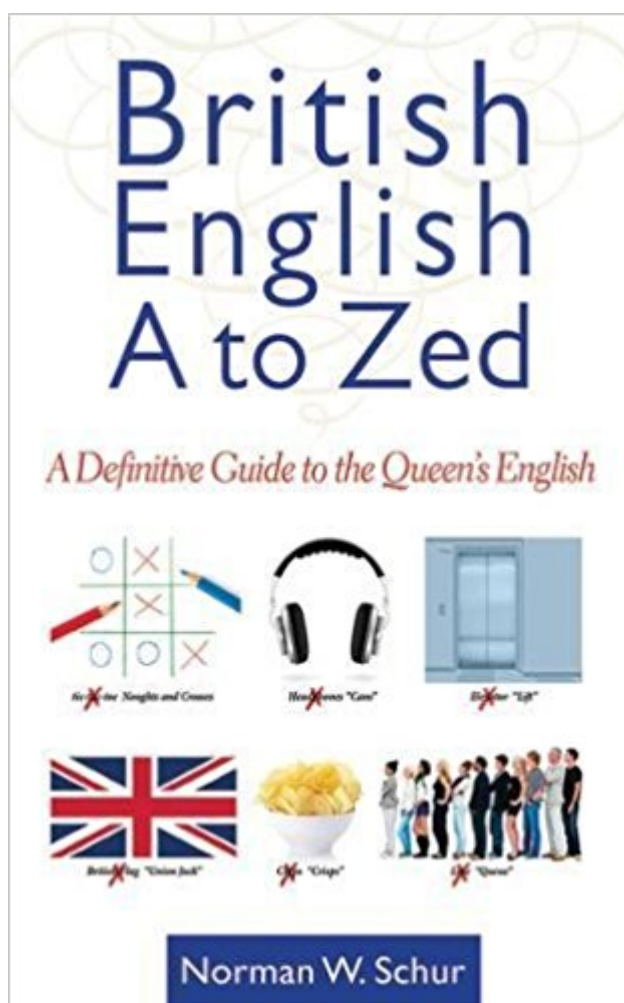


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# British English From A To Zed: A Definitive Guide To The Queen's English



## Synopsis

Whether you are traveling to Great Britain or just want to understand British popular culture, this unique dictionary will answer your questions. British English from A to Zed contains more than 5,500 British terms and their American equivalents, each with a short explanation of the term's history and an example of its use. The appendixes provide valuable supplemental material with differences between British and American pronunciation, grammar, and spelling as well as terms grouped in specific areas such as currency, weight, and numbers. This dictionary will help you unravel the meanings of: 'Berk (idiot)'; 'Bevvied up (drunk)'; 'Crisps (potato chips)'; 'Erk (rookie)'; 'To judder (to shake)'; 'Noughts and crosses (tic-tac-toe)'; And more! George Bernard Shaw famously said that the British and Americans were "two peoples separated by a common language." This book bridges that gap.

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Norman W. Schur was a lawyer, a graduate of Columbia Law School, and a lexicographer. His first book *British Self-Taught: With Comments in American* was published in 1973 and revised in 1980, 1987, and 2007. He passed away in 1992.

This was purchased as a gift for a young man doing graduate work in the UK. My family and I lived in London some time ago. We realized that the British speak a whole different language when one of our daughters brought home a note from her British school requesting that we furnish our daughter with a supply of rubbers. (Look it up in the book).

Delightful and interesting resource for those of us having trouble deciphering British English. A printed edition would be handier and quicker for finding a word or phrase, but the Kindle edition is OK and cheap. Recommended.

I lived in England for a year and sometimes watch movies or TV shows made there. I have always found this to be the most comprehensive dictionary of its kind. In other countries, I have usually found that a knowledge of body language is actually more important than knowledge of the spoken or written language. (Thus I believe that people planning to go abroad and depending entirely on Rosetta Stone are misguided.) However, the British have no body language! They would probably respond that they don't need gestures or facial expressions because THEY KNOW THE LANGUAGE! I have heard the same quip from upper-class WASPS in the U.S.A. I do, however, prefer the British style of punctuation in written communications.

I love my British movies, mysteries, telly. This is a handy little reference book for those British terms that you're not sure about the meaning. I have the Kindle edition and I use it all the time. It's fun to just browse through it too.

I have the Kindle App on an iPad, and keep up with software upgrades. This book did not format properly, and is unreadable. All of the Briticisms appear as a vertical column of letters and characters that are mostly indecipherable.

This is great! Its like a dictionary to look things up, or just browse casually. It is much larger than I expected, but it is a great product.

fun book that can be put down and picked up. Loved learning new phrases that I used on my British friends last week.

It is nice to have this reference of differences in language between the USA and Britain. I watch many BBC programs on public television and this helpful book will be well used

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