

American-Speak/Brit-Speak

Some words have very different meanings on opposite sides of the Atlantic. Misusing these words can lead to embarrassment in social or business situations.

<u>Problem Word</u>	<u>In US this Means</u>	<u>In UK this Means</u>
Bomb	Big Failure	Great Success
Fanny	Buttocks	Pudendum
Public School	State school	Private school
Sod	Turf	Unpleasant person (deriv. sodomite)
Table	Set aside	Bring to a vote
Fag	Rude word for a homosexual man	Cigarette
Homely	Ugly	Pleasant
Knock up	Impregnate	1. Awaken by knocking on door, 2. In tennis, warm up session, 3. Prepare hastily
Suspenders	Straps worn to hold up trousers	Straps worn to hold up a woman's stockings
Rubber	Condom	Eraser
Pot plant	Marijuana	Potted plant
First Floor	Street level	One floor above street level
Bum	Homeless person	Buttocks
Pissed	Angry	Inebriated