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GRAMMAR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AMERICAN ENGLISH AND BRITISH ENGLISH

Nowadays a lot of people admit that American English (AmE) became quite different from what it used to be – the original British English (BrE). There are dozens of well known vocabulary differences between British English and American English: English football and American soccer, luggage and baggage, holidays and vacation, flats and apartments, trainers and sneakers, jumper and sweater, biscuit and cookies, etc.

It might seem that grammar is some constant value that is similar in different countries using the same language.

Nevertheless, it is not true. There exist some differences in grammar between American English and British English. These differences are not very big and do not influence people’s way of life. They are mostly minor, but they really show that American and British versions of English Language are quite different now.

The goal of this work is to show that American English and British English are more different than most of people used to believe.

In AmE collective nouns (e.g. staff, government, class, team, etc.) are only followed by a singular verb, e.g. *Why this class is so calm?* In BrE singular and plural forms can be used, e.g. *Why this class is/are so calm?*

Another difference is the use of auxiliaries and modals. In BrE the auxiliary “do” is often used as a substitute for a verb while replying to a question, e.g. *Are you going with us? I might do.* In AmE, “do” is not used, e.g. *Are you going with us? I might.*

In BrE “needn’t” is used instead of “don’t need to”, e.g. *They needn’t do their homework today.* In AmE “needn’t” is very unusual. The common form is “don’t need to”, e.g. *They don’t need to do their homework today.*

In BrE “shall” sometimes can be used as an alternative to “will”, e.g. *I shall/will be there later.* In AmE “shall” is unusual. “Will” is normally used.

In order to ask for advice or an opinion it is appropriate to use shall I/we in British English e.g. *Shall we ask him for help?* In American English “should” is widely spread instead of “shall”, e.g. *Should we ask him for help?*

There is a difference in the use of prepositions. In BrE “at” is often used for time expressions, e.g. *at the night, at Christmas, at the weekend*. In AmE “on” should be always used when talking about the weekend, e.g. *What should we do on the weekend?*

When talking about universities or other institutions “at” is used in British English e.g. *I’m studying at the university now*. In American English “in” is used in this case, e.g. *I’m studying in the university now*.

In British English the verb “have” often applied in contexts where it has very little meaning in itself but occurs with an object noun which describes an action, e.g. *I’d like to have a bath*. In American English “take” is used in this context, e.g. *I’d like to take a bath*.

We have seen some differences between the American and British English. But the subject requires further investigation.

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MODERN TRENDS IN ONLINE LEARNING

In the time of ubiquitous hi-tech devices, almost every sphere of human activity becomes connected with information technologies. This mostly concerns the Internet, which is everywhere. Nowadays, Internet-connected devices are a big part of our lives and their influence will be even greater in future. These devices make the process of globalization real, because all the data in the world are at our fingertips. Yet, IT can affect not only people's everyday lives; it can also improve their knowledge, too. Let us consider a widely used e-learning concept, which can be useful in learning any subject.

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- language learning sites;