

British and American Spellings

Some of the most common words in science, engineering and medicine whose spellings differ in British and American English.

British

aetiology
aluminium
anaemic
anaesthetic
analogue
analyse
behaviour
caesium
catalogue
catalyse
centre, centred
channelled, channelling
co-factor
colour
co-worker
defence
dialogue
dialyse
faeces
favour
fibre
foetus/foetal
fulfil
grey
haemo-
harbour
labelling, labelled
labour (laborious)
litre
meter (measuring device)
metre (100 cm)
modelled, modelling
mould
neighbour
odour
oedema
programme
NB: computer program
skilful
sulphur, sulphate, sulphite,
sulphide, etc.
through
tumour
tunnelling
vapour

American

etiology
aluminum
anemic
anesthetic
analog
analyze
behavior
cesium
catalog
catalyze
center, centered
channeled, channeling
cofactor
color
coworker
defense
dialog
dialyze
feces
favor
fiber
fetus/fetal
fulfill
gray
hemo-
harbor
labeling, labeled
labor (laborious)
liter
meter
meter
modeled, modeling
mold
neighbor
odor
edema
program

skillful
sulfur, sulfate, sulfite,
sulfide, etc.
thru
tumor
tunneling
vapor