



Téma: Varieties of English

Jazyk: Angličtina

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American English vs. British English

1) Phonetics

- a different pronunciation of vowels (*jiná výslovnost samohlásek*)

O hospital [o] B.E. [a] A.E.

Pronunciation of the final R

B.E. car → silent "r"

A.E. rolling "r"

herb, herbal [herb] B.E.

[ərb] A.E.



2) Differences in past participle forms of irregular verbs

B.E. got A.E. gotten

learnt learned

3) Plurals of irregular nouns

cactus cactuses B.E.

cacti A.E.

4) Equivalents X Synonyms

- The same meaning (could not be used A.E. and B.E. concurrently)

B.E.	A.E.
pavement	sidewalls
flat	apartment
shop	store
lift	elevator
bill	check
ill	sick

5) Subjunctive form (a very progressive form in A.E.)

A.E. They suggest she smoke \$ only once a day.

B.E. They suggest she should smoke...



6) A different usage of auxiliary verbs (*Různé použití pomocných sloves*)

A.E. Have you got a brother?

B.E. Do you have a brother?

The decision to create new rules of spelling was political → America wanted to prove that it was a confident and independent country. (*Rozhodnutí vytvořit nová pravidla pravopisu byla politická → Amerika chtěl dokázat, že to byla sebevědomá a nezávislá země.*)

The rules were adopted by Noah Webster in a book "The American Spellus"

7) The letters which are not pronounced aren't spelled either.

B.E.	A.E.
colour	color
travelling	traveling
socially	socialy

8) Letters are written in the order they are pronounced

B.E.	A.E.
centre	center

In A.E. there is a shift to words phonetic spelling.



BBC English

- Queen's English
- King's English

"RP" = posh English

a language used at public schools in Oxford, Cambridge,...