ENGLISH VOCABULARY TESTS

Same Word, Different Meaning Quiz: British vs American English

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1. A teacher in Manchester writes “quite good” on your essay. What does she mean?
A) excellent, the best in the class
B) good, but it could be better
C) poor, write it again
D) completely perfect

2. In a British meeting, a member ___ a motion so that everyone can discuss it tonight.
A) postpones **B)** cancels
C) withdraws **D)** tables

3. The pilot of a flight to Denver says, “We’ll be landing momentarily.” When will the plane land?
A) in a few minutes **B)** for a moment only
C) in about an hour **D)** not today

4. In a British hotel bathroom you find towels, soap and a ___ for washing your face.
A) hamper **B)** braces **C)** flannel **D)** vest

5. Digging the new vegetable garden by hand was hard ___.
A) graft **B)** scheme **C)** tuition **D)** faculty

6. For Christmas, my aunt in Yorkshire sent us a ___ full of cheese, biscuits and jam.
A) cot **B)** hamper **C)** purse **D)** vest

7. At an American college, “the faculty” means:
A) all the students **B)** the library
C) all the teachers **D)** the students’ union

8. The university’s ___ of Medicine has six departments and two hospitals.
A) Tuition **B)** Scheme
C) Graft **D)** Faculty

9. Her parents pay for private French ___ twice a week.
A) tuition **B)** faculty **C)** graft **D)** scheme

10. A man in Edinburgh wears a ___ under his shirt and ___ to hold up his trousers.
A) waistcoat ... suspenders
B) braces ... a vest
C) vest ... braces
D) vest ... suspenders

11. You wear a British ___ under your shirt and an American ___ over it.
A) vest ... waistcoat **B)** vest ... vest
C) waistcoat ... vest **D)** jumper ... vest

12. In British English, jelly is ___, and a cot is ___.
A) a kind of jam ... a camp bed
B) a wobbly dessert ... a camp bed
C) a kind of jam ... a baby’s bed
D) a wobbly dessert ... a baby’s bed

13. “What’s for ___?” “Apple pie and cream.” (British English)
A) starter **B)** entrée
C) pudding **D)** vest

14. On an American menu, the ___ is the main course.
A) entrée **B)** starter
C) pudding **D)** jelly

15. Which sentence sounds American?
A) The manager met the unions, then saw her parents.
B) The manager met with the unions, then visited with her parents.
C) The manager met to the unions, then visited to her parents.
D) The manager met at the unions, then visited at her parents.

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