BRITISH

| Anode | Plate |
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| Biscuit | Cookie |
| Bonnet (car part) | Hood |
| Boot (car part) | Trunk |
| Bulldog Clip | Binder Clip |
| Bum | Fanny |
| Brake / Guards Van (railway) | Caboose |
| C Spanner | Spanner |
| Chipboard | Particleboard |
| Engine/Train Driver | Engineer |
| Fanny | Pussy |
| Fender (car part) | Wing |
| Fireman (railway) | Stoker |
| Guard (railway) | Brakeman |
| Hardboard | Masonite |
| Housing (woodwork) | Dado |
| HT | B+ |
| Indicator (car part) | Turn Signal |
| Jam | Jelly |
| Jelly | Jell-O |
| Liquid Paraffin | Mineral Oil |
| LT | A+ |
| Methylated Spirit/Meths | Denatured Alcohol |
| Mole Grips | Vice Grips |
| Paraffin | Kerosene* |
| Pissed | Drunk |
| Pissed Off | Pissed |
| Plasterboard | Drywall |
| Points (railway) | Switch |
| Rebate (woodwork) | Rabbet |
| Ring Spanner | Box Wrench |
| Shop | Store |

[^0]Shopping
Shunter (locomotive type)
Sill (car part)
Skip
Trainers
Socket (electric)
Spanner
Sweets
Tap
Tram
Valve (electronic)
Water-Pump Pliers
Wax
White Spirit/Turpentine Substitute/Turps ${ }^{\dagger}$
Workshop

Marketing
Switcher
Rocker
Dumpster
Sneakers
Outlet/Receptacle
Wrench
Candy
Faucet
Streetcar
Tube
Channel Locks
Paraffin
Mineral Spirit
Shop

British and American Feet and Inches, and Pounds and Ounces are the same but capacity is different. British Fluid Ounces are slightly smaller than American but there are twenty of them in one of our Pints making those and our Gallons bigger; the latter being the volume occupied by ten pounds of water at $62^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

Our tons are also different as in our system i4 Pounds make a Stone (a unit Americans don't seem to use), 8 Stones ( II 2 lb ) make a Hundredweight and twenty Hundredweight a Ton ( $2,240 \mathrm{lb}$ ).

To confuse things even more a thousand kilogrammes is a Tonne, not a megagramme as you'd expect. Written down it's clear enough what's what but aurally there's no difference between the pronunciation of Ton and Tonne. Luckily the 35 lb difference isn't likely to matter much.

You're more likely to hear a British person saying they weigh ninety kilos than two-hundred pounds and they are most likely to say fourteen stone. The same goes for very heavy things: we are much more likely to say "That must weigh ten tons" than "That must weigh twenty thousand pounds."

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[^0]:    * This isn't absolutely clear-cut. I used to have oil-fired central heating and the fuel burnt was sold as Kerosene. I was told by the supplier that it basically low quality paraffin: if it was used in lamps or things like greenhouse heaters it would produce far more fumes, smoke and so ot than what they sell as Paraffin and would shorten the life of the wicks. I also found it to be a better cleaning solvent.

[^1]:    ${ }^{\dagger}$ In conversation people will talk about Turpentine or Turps when they really mean the artificial substitute.

