

STATUS OF ENGLISH

British and American English Varieties of the English Language

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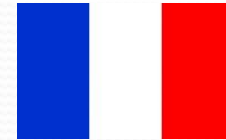


Main points of the lecture

- Standard English. Varieties of English, their peculiarities
- American English

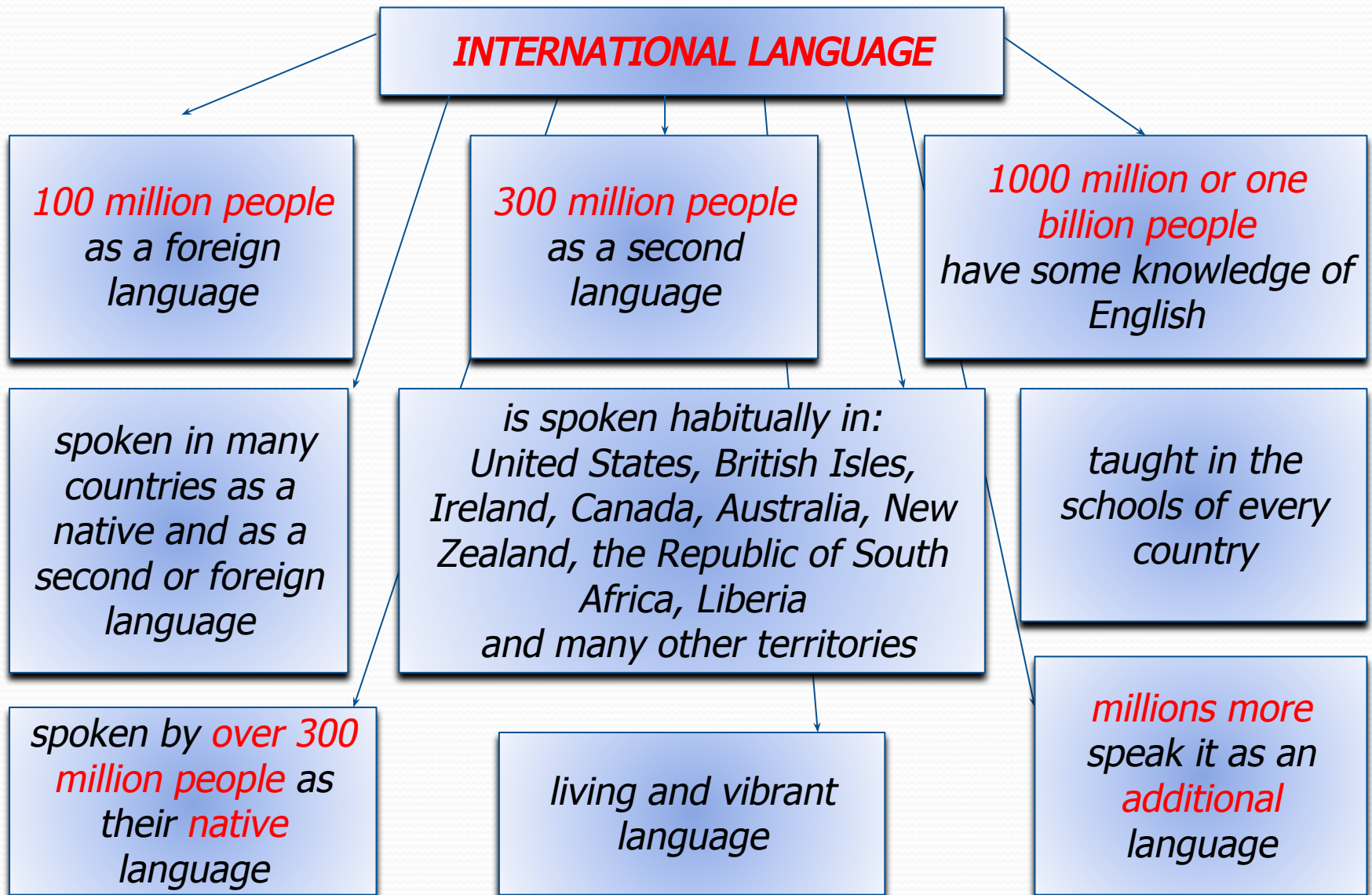
WORLD'S MAJOR LANGUAGES

Chinese, Spanish, German, French, Greek

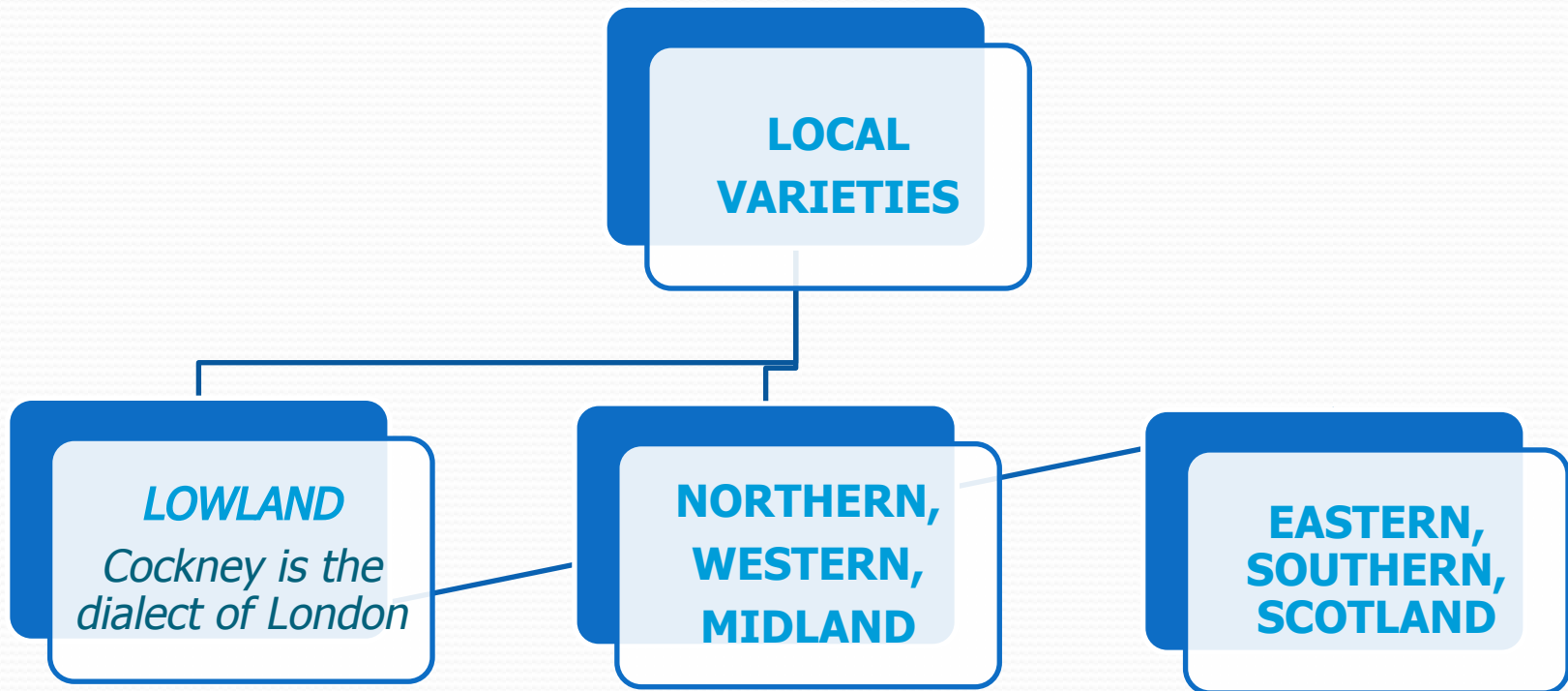


- **English** (the most widely used and geographically widely spread language)
- territorial regions
- standard English, UK, Northern Ireland

ENGLISH



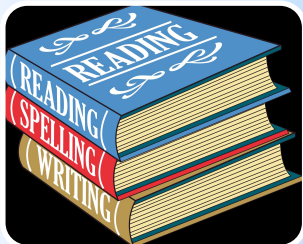
BRITISH ENGLISH



STANDARD ENGLISH



every territorial region which speaks Engl. differs (rather abruptly or weakly) from the Standard Engl. – the Engl. spoken in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



"In England, one accent has traditionally stood out above all others in its ability to convey associations of respectable social standing and a good education. This "prestige" accent is known as RECEIVED PRONUNCIATION (RP), it is spoken by educated people of Br. And used in radio and television.



The British phonetician Daniel Jones was the first who confirmed the properties of RP.

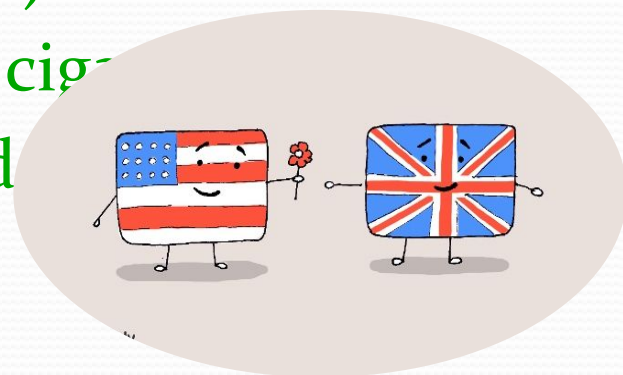
General American

- **AmE** is the dominant variety in the world today as a consequence of the political, cultural and economic dominance of the USA.
- **General American (GA)** is the type of pronunciation spoken by educated Americans and known as the form of speech used in radio and television. It is mostly used in scientific, cultural and business communication.

Some examples of RP and GA

Item	RP	GA	Short and long A
asthma	ˈæsma	az'mə	advance
Capsule	ˈkæpsju:l	kap'səl	dance
Class	kla:s	klas	ask
Erase	i'reiz	irās'	France
Medicine	ˈmedsin	med'əsən	Glass
Schedule	ʃedju:l	skej'ûl	half
tomato	tə'ma:tou	təmā'tō	last

- Differences in spelling
- British English has a tendency to keep the spelling of many words of French origin whereas Americans try to spell more closely to the way they pronounce words and they remove letters not needed, which makes sense to me.
- honour honor gramme gram
- favour favor cheque check
- theatre theater grey gray
- centre center pijamas pajamas
- programme program cigarette cig
- traveller traveler defense d



DIFFERENCES IN SPELLING

Differences in stress



adult

ballet

brochure

garage

vaccine

advertisement

hospitable



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VOCABULARY

BrE	AmE	BrE	AmE
the cinema	the movies	trousers	pants
zebra crossing	Pxing	tin	can
pants	shorts	biro	ball-point
biscuit	cookie	passage	hall
sweets	candy	lift	elevator
chips	French fries	rubber	eraser
crossroads	intersection	tap	faucet



Biscuits



Cookies



Autumn



Fall



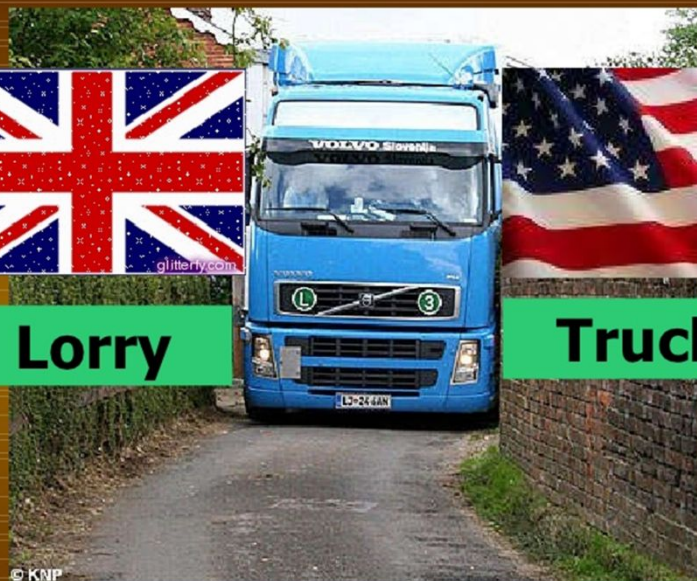
Lift



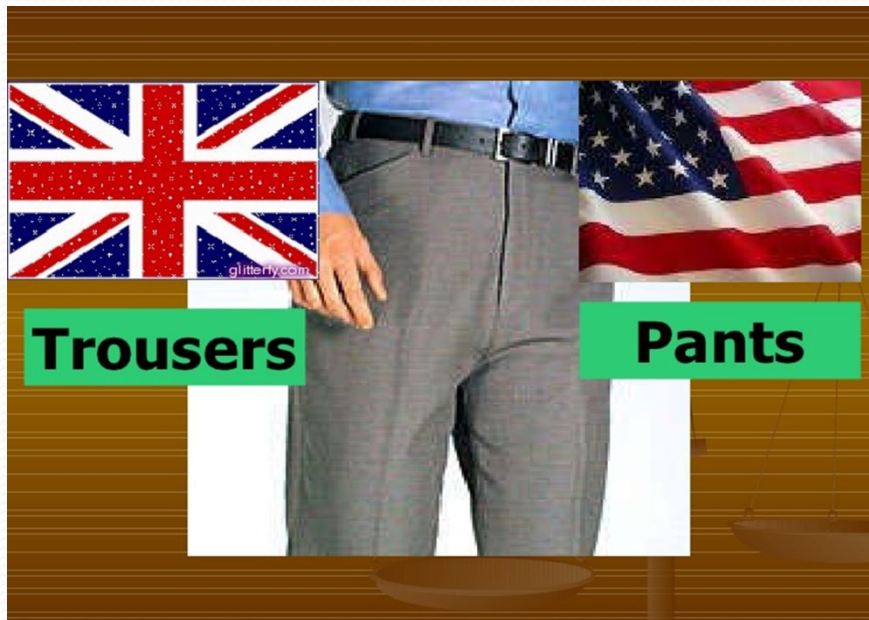
Elevator



Lorry



Truck





Petrol



Gas



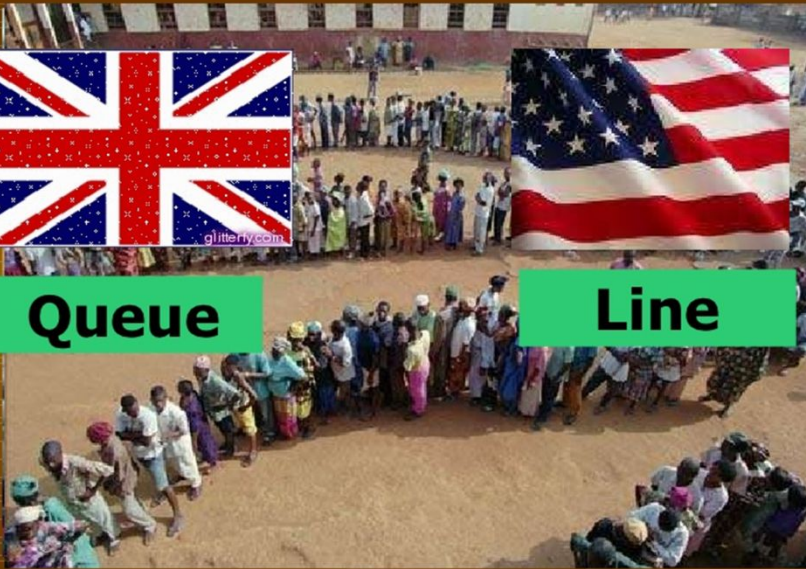
Sweets



Candies



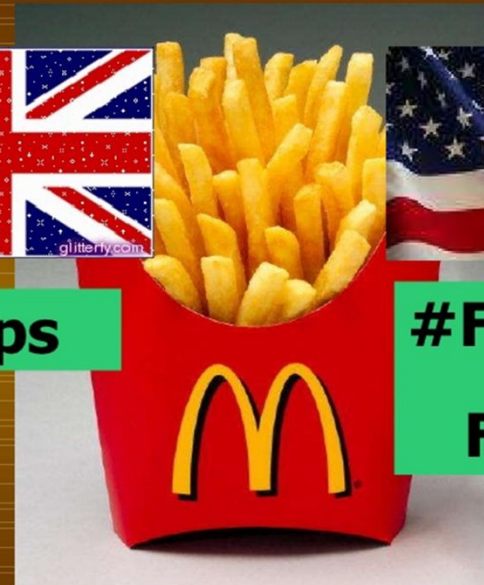
Queue



Line



Chips



**#French
Fries**



Postman



Mailman



Pharmacy



Drugstore



Curtains



Drapes



Director



Manager

PARALLEL PREPOSITIONS

AmE

- It's twenty **of** four
- It's five **after** eight
- It's **in** back of the building
- I'll see you **over** the weekend
- I haven't seen her **in** ages

BrE

- It's twenty **to** four
- It's five **past** eight
- It's **behind** the building
- I'll see you **at** the weekend
- I haven't seen her **for** ages

Varieties of English

The English used in English-speaking regions except the UK is not considered to be Standard English

Today the English has its variants around the globe in such regions as Canada, the US, the Caribbean, Africa, South Asia, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea

