

DID YOU KNOW

Canadian spelling is a combination of British and American spelling rules.

Some Canadian words follow the British spelling system while others have transitioned to the American system.

Many languages such as French and Greek have contributed to our present day vocabulary.

It is encouraged to use one spelling format.



SPELLING

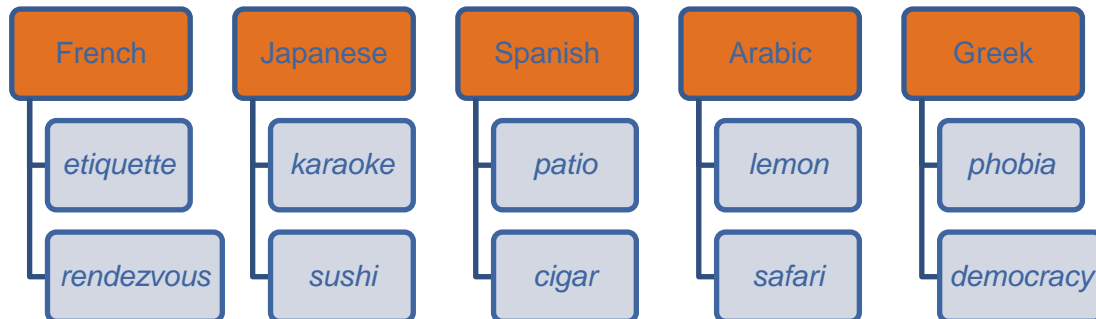
PATTERN	CANADIAN	BRITISH	AMERICAN
-our, -or	<i>colour</i>	<i>colour</i>	<i>color</i>
-re, -er	<i>centre</i>	<i>centre</i>	<i>center</i>
-ise, -ize	<i>organize</i>	<i>organise</i>	<i>organize</i>
-yze, -yse	<i>analyze</i>	<i>analyse</i>	<i>analyze</i>
-ence, -ense	<i>defence</i>	<i>defence</i>	<i>defense</i>
ae, e	<i>pediatrics</i>	<i>paediatrics</i>	<i>pediatrics</i>
-ogue, -og	<i>catalogue</i>	<i>catalogue</i>	<i>catalog</i>
DOUBLE L	<i>traveller</i>	<i>traveller</i>	<i>traveler</i>

Individual Spelled Words Examples

British Spelling – *aeroplane, tyre, mould, aluminium, gray*

Canadian (and American) Spelling – *airplane, tire, mold, aluminum, grey*

VOCABULARY



SOME VOCABULARY COMPARISONS:

CANADIAN	BRITISH	AMERICAN
apartment	flat	apartment
elevator	lift	elevator
flashlight	torch	flashlight
freeway, highway	freeway, highway	motorway
underwear	knickers	underwear
gas, gasoline	petrol	gas, gasoline
(car) trunk	(car) boot	(car) trunk
line up	queue up	lineup
subway	underground (tube)	subway
parking lot	car park	parking lot
truck	lorry	truck

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