

At School in the US and the UK

Zoey and her friends go to the Pacific Coast Academy in the US. But then Zoey goes to school in the UK for a year.



American high school students

Q: Are US and UK schools different?

A: Yes! They have different names. American teenagers go to 'high school'. British teenagers go to 'secondary school'.

Q: What about the school day?

A: In the US, school is from 7.30 to 14.30. Students can do sports after school. In the UK, school is from 9.00 to 16.00. British students can also do sports after school, but in the winter it's dark and cold!

Q: The PCA is a boarding school. The students live there. Are there many boarding schools in the US?

A: No, there are only about 70. In the UK, there are about 700 boarding schools.

Q: Do they have the same holidays?

A: No. The summer holidays at British schools are six weeks long. At American schools, they are three months!



SUMMER CAMP IN AMERICA

Schools in the US have long summer holidays. Many students go to summer camps. In the day, they play sports and make music. At night, they sleep in tents.



BRITISH SCHOOL UNIFORM

British schools usually have school uniform. American teenagers can usually go to school in jeans and T-shirts.

AMERICAN CHEERLEADERS

All American high schools have cheerleaders. The cheerleaders dance before big football games. Girls and boys are in the same teams.



How do you say it?
British English and American English is often different. Look at these words.



biscuit

Hi!

See you! (= Bye)

holiday

film

football



cookie

Hey!

Later!

vacation

movie

soccer



What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.
winter summer camp tent uniform cheerleaders