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GLOSSARY

The Penny Press editors have compiled this British/American glossary to help you solve Original Logic Problems: British Edition! This glossary provides American “translations” for British terms that may be unfamiliar to many solvers. There is also a map on the back for help with geography puzzles.



AA — Automobile Association, similar to our AAA

abseiling — rappelling

admissions tutor — officer in charge of admissions

advert — ad

agony aunt — advice columnist

A-levels — school-leaving examinations; important exams taken at the college entrance level

allotment — small, rented gardening plot

allsorts — candy made of licorice and soft candy in layers

articulated lorry — trailer truck

aubergine — eggplant

auction rooms — an auction house

automatic promotions spots — top two positions in a soccer league's ranking; these teams automatically go on to post-season play

bail — in cricket, a stick resting on the top of the wicket

Bakewell tart — jam-filled pie with a cakey consistency, originating from the town of Bakewell.

banger — (1) sausage; (2) jalopy; (3) firecracker

bank holiday — holiday on which banks are closed by law

barrister — lawyer who pleads cases in court; a trial lawyer

batsman — one who bats a cricket ball

bed sit — one-bedroom apartment

beer mat — coaster

below stairs — the servants' area

bespoke — made to individual order

Big Night Out — a Guy Fawkes Day celebration, in which effigies of British traitor Guy Fawkes are burned to commemorate the failed plot to blow up the British Houses of Parliament in 1605

biscuit — cookie

block of flats — an apartment house

blotted his copybook — spoiled his record

blue coat — bus boy

bobble-hat — hat with small fabric ball sewn to top

boiled sweets — hard candy

Bonfire Night — another name for Guy Fawkes Day celebrations

bonnet — the hood of an automobile

book token — a gift certificate for a book

boot — trunk of an automobile

boot sale — garage sale

bottle stall — booth where one plays for prizes contained in bottles

bowled — see "LBW"

bowler — position in cricket similar to the pitcher in baseball

bowls — game played with large balls on a flat lawn, similar to boccie

Boxing Day — day after Christmas, on which gifts of money are traditionally given to a family's delivery people

braces — suspenders

bran-tub — a tub filled with bran in which presents are concealed

bring to book — arrest

broad — an expansion of river suitable for sailing

brogues — durable, comfortable lowheeled shoes, often having decorative perforations and wing tips

Brummy — person from Birmingham

buffet — snack bar

building society — savings-and-loan association

busker — street entertainer

by-election — a local election

candy floss — cotton candy

cap — athlete who has lettered in a certain sport

caravan — house trailer

caravanning holiday — vacation taken in a trailer

car-boot sale — garage sale

car park — parking lot



- carrycot** — portable bassinet
- car sticker** — bumper sticker
- Catherine wheel** — type of firework that spins rapidly when lit
- caught** — see “LBW”
- CBE** — Commander of the British Empire Order
- century** — in cricket, scoring at least 100 runs in one turn at bat
- century break** — scoring at least 100 points in a single game of snooker
- chap** — man
- charge sheet** — police blotter
- charity shop** — thrift shop
- Chelsea bun** — a sweet cinnamon bun with currants
- chemist** — pharmacist
- chief constable** — the chief of police
- chip-pan** — French-fry pan
- chips** — French-fried potatoes
- choc-ice** — a chocolate ice-cream treat
- CID** — Criminal Investigation Department, the plainclothes branch of a police force
- cigarette cards** — collectible trading cards that were once given away in packs of cigarettes
- circle seats** — balcony or mezzanine seats
- clerk of chambers** — barrister’s assistant
- coach** — bus
- coconut shy** — booth where you throw coconuts at a target to win a prize
- coffee morning** — gathering held to raise money for charity
- coiner** — counterfeiter
- come a cropper** — undergo failure or mishap
- coming-of-age party** — a party thrown upon attainment of a legal age
- compliment slips** — small pieces of paper bearing a company’s contact details which are enclosed when mailing written materials
- concessionary rate** — discount rate
- conkers** — a game played with horse chestnuts
- constable** — policeman
- constabulary** — local police force
- cornet** — ice-cream cone
- cosh** — to bludgeon
- costermonger** — someone who sells from a push cart
- cottage pie** — meat pie made with beef, carrots, leeks, tomato sauce and mashed potatoes
- council** — town; the administrative body of a town
- councillor** — a councilman or councilwoman
- country seat** — a country mansion or estate
- court shoes** — ladies’ high-heeled pumps
- cracker** — small paper party favor containing candy, trinkets, etc., that pops when pulled sharply at one or both ends
- crazy golf** — miniature golf
- crown** — five shillings
- crisps** — potato chips
- cuddly toy** — stuffed animal
- cup matches** — soccer games played under the rules of the Football Association
- cup-tie** — final game
- CV** — curriculum vitae, a résumé
- dab hand** — to excel
- Darby and Joan** — a typical elderly married couple
- DC** — detective constable
- dear** — expensive
- dearest** — most expensive
- debag** — insult
- deposit** — money a candidate pays to run for office
- dibber** — gardening implement used for making holes in soil
- dinner-service** — a place setting
- district nurse** — nurse assigned to a specific district of a city or country
- DIY** — do it yourself
- dock** — enclosure for the prisoner in a criminal court
- dolly mixtures** — type of candy



domestic science — home economics

don — college teacher

dormitory village — a community inhabited mainly by commuters

double century — a score of 200 runs in cricket

drawing-pins — thumbtacks

drone — loafer

DS — detective sergeant

DSO — distinguished service order

dual carriageway — a divided highway

dustbin — garbage can, trash can

dust cart — garbage truck

dusters — dust rags

dustman — garbage man

Dutch courage — courage attained by drinking alcohol

dynamo — bicycle light powered by pedaling

Eccles cake — round currant-filled pastry, originally from the town of Eccles.

elevenes — tea break at eleven o'clock in the morning, accompanied by jam and scones

estate car — station wagon

expiry date — expiration date

fairly cakes — small, unfrosted cupcakes

family seat — an ancestral home

fancy dress — costume, as for a costume party

fell race — an endurance test comprising both running and cross-country skills over rough terrain and natural and man-made barriers

Fens — a broad band of flat, low-lying, arable land in eastern England

fifth former — student at a particular stage of study, preceding that of the sixth form

film certificate — film rating

final degree examinations — standard final exams taken before graduation from a university

fishing smack — fishing boat

fitted kitchen — kitchen that comes with all appliances already installed

fiver — five-pound note

fixture — sporting event

flat — apartment

flat-race — horse race run on a flat track

flex — flexible electric cord

flutter — small wager

football — soccer

footballer — soccer player

footpad — mugger

form — a class or grade at school

fortnight — two weeks

fresher — first-year college student

fruit machine — slot machine

fruit squash — fruit ade

fuse the lights — blow a fuse

gammon — ham

gaol — jail

garden fork — pitchfork

gate — confined to school grounds; an Underground station where one can transfer to another line

gazetteer — geographical dictionary

ginger sponge — a light pudding traditionally served with lemon sauce and custard

grace-and-favour residence — townhouse received as an occupational benefit

grotto — area in a store where children go to meet Santa Claus

guardsman — member of the body of troops to protect the sovereign

Guide — Girl Scout

guinea — 21 shillings (one shilling more than a pound)

guy — an effigy of Guy Fawkes, conspirator in Gunpowder Plot of 1605

Guy Fawkes — a conspirator in a failed plot to blow up Parliament in 1605; it is customary to burn effigies of Fawkes on November 5, the anniversary of the attempt

ha'penny — a former British coin equal to half a penny

hamper — picnic basket

hard shoulder — paved shoulder at the side of the road



hat trick — three consecutive “outs” in cricket

head girl — student selected by school faculty as the one who has made the best all-around contribution to school life

head of games — physical education teacher

head pupil — the student whom the headmaster of a school decides has made the best contribution to school life

head teacher — school principal

hide — hiding place for the observation of wildlife

high tea — meal eaten at four o'clock in the afternoon

hire car — taxi

holidaymaker — vacationer

Home Guard — local militia

Honours List, The — a miscellany of titles conferred annually, both on New Year's Day and the Queen's birthday (incl. CBE, KCB, & OBE)

hoover — use a vacuum cleaner

Infants class — nursery school

intake — the number of cadets accepted into a program

invigilator — proctor

ironmonger — hardware dealer

it's a fair cop — acknowledgment of guilt, usually spoken to a police officer

jab — shot or immunization

joiner — carpenter

jumble sale — garage sale

KCB — Knight Commander of Bath

kitted out — to be outfitted or equipped

klaxon horn — an electrically-powered horn

knott garden — an elaborate pattern of low-growing shrubbery in which the different plants appear to weave over and under each other

Lancashire hotpot — lamb stew topped with potatoes

land frontier — a land border

lay-by — roadside rest area or parking space

lay-by pull-in — rest area food stand

LBW (Leg Before Wicket), caught, bowled, and stumped — all ways that a batter may be put out in cricket league matches

leg side — in cricket, the side of the field, divided lengthwise by an imaginary line through both wickets, on which the batsman is standing when in his normal batting position, including all the area in an arc from side to side extending around behind the batsman; the side opposite the leg side is the off side

lemon squash — a drink similar to lemonade

letter-box — mailbox

life peerage — any honorary title which is not hereditary

lift — elevator

livery company — guild

loft — attic

lollipop lady — school crossing guard

lolly — Popsicle

loo — restroom

lorry — truck

lorry driver — truck driver

lorry-park — a parking lot for trucks

lucky-dip — grab bag

Madeira cake — a poundcake sprinkled with candied lemon peel

main-line station — busy major train station

man-at-arms — a heavily armed soldier, often on horseback, in medieval times

market garden — a farm for growing vegetables for market

market trader — operator of a stall in an open-air market

maths — mathematics

matron — woman superintendent at school

mead — alcoholic liquor of fermented honey and water

MI5 — the domestic intelligence service, similar to the FBI

mileometer — odometer

milk-float — milk truck

Mini — a compact car

mini-cab — a mini-car that serves as a taxicab



mobile — a large trailer

MOD — Ministry of Defence

morris dancing — North England rural folk dance, performed in costumes meant to represent the characters of the Robin Hood legend

motoring holiday — road trip

MP — Member of Parliament

Mum — mother

mummer — person wearing fantastic mask and costume

nail varnish — nail polish

nap selection — racing expert's list of betting recommendations

nappy — baby's diaper

netball — a game somewhat resembling basketball played between two teams of seven players

newsagent — newsdealer

news presenter — newscaster

nick — prison

non-league sides — amateur teams

OBE — Officer of the British Empire Order

O-levels — college-entrance exams

old boy — an alumnus

off license — a liquor store

off side — see "leg side"

on the dole — unemployed

orange squash — orangeade

over — in cricket, the number of balls, usually six, delivered between successive changes of bowlers

packet — package

panda car — police patrol car

pantomime — Christmastime show for children, usually based on fairy tales

paper-round — newspaper delivery route

parkin — type of cake

parliament — legislative body (like Congress)

Pass the Parcel — children's game similar to Hot Potato

patience — the game of solitaire

PC — police constable

pedlar — peddler

peg-seller — itinerant vendor of clothespins

pence — pennies

pensioner — retiree on a pension

people carrier — minivan

petrol — gasoline

petrol tank — gas tank

pillar box — mail box

pitch — (1) playing field; (2) a stand on the street where one conducts business

pitch and putt — short-course golf game played with only two clubs

pitch shot — in golf, a short shot pulling the ball into the air in a sharp arc

planning permission — building permit

PLC — a public limited company

potholing — the exploration of underground caverns

pram — baby carriage

priesthole — a secret room

pub — bar

publican — proprietor of a tavern

pudding — general term for dessert

puncture — flat tire

punter or puntor — a bettor

QC — Queen's Counsel, an honorary rank for a barrister

queue — line

quid — pound sterling

quoits — flattened rings of iron or circles of ropes used in a throwing game

RAF — Royal Air Force

rag and bone man — an itinerant junk man

rag-day — day on which university students put on stunts in aid of charity

red card — shown by the referee to indicate that a player is being sent off, or dismissed, for the rest of the game for foul play or misconduct

redundancy — to be made redundant means to be laid off or unemployed



regional assembly — a body representing a region's local authorities to the British government and the European Union

registration letter — the first letter on a license plate that indicates the year the vehicle was registered

removals lorry — a moving truck

return to the coal face — go back to basics

rising damp — deterioration of a building's walls caused by moisture

roundabout — merry-go-round

rubber — an eraser

rumble — see through; discover; get to the bottom of

sack — to fire someone

saloon car — sedan

Sardines — children's game similar to Hide-and-Seek

S. A. S — Special Air Service

savoury filling — fruit filling

screenwash — windshield-wiper fluid

scullion — menial kitchen servant

SDP — Social Democratic Party

selection box — box of assorted candies

semi — one-family house joined to another by a common wall

shandy — a drink consisting of beer and lemon-lime soda

shooting stick — stick with spike on one end and a folding seat on the other

shove-ha'penny — a game similar to shuffleboard

sill — lower edge of an automobile body where it is generally attached to the frame rails

sit an examination — take an examination

sixth-form college — a school for 16- to 18-year-olds preparing to take their university entrance exams

sixth former — a student at a particular stage of study; frequently one who will subsequently go on to university study

skip — dumpster

skittle — a bowling pin

slap-up — first-rate

sledging — sledding

slip catch — a catch made in the slips, or outfield in cricket

slips — in cricket, the outfield, guarded by the slip-fielders

smart card — plastic credit card with memory chip for financial transactions

Smarties — chocolate candy similar to M&Ms

Snakes and Ladders — a board game similar to Chutes and Ladders

snaps — photographs

snooker — game of pocket billiards using 15 red balls

solicitor — lawyer who handles out-of-court work; a general-practice lawyer

spanner — wrench

speech day — school awards assembly

sponsored silence — silent auction

stall — outdoor stand for selling goods

stall seats — orchestra seats

stand and deliver — stick 'em up

sticky wicket — an awkward situation

still orange — a non-carbonated orange drink

stone — a measure of weight equal to 14 pounds

stores — supply department

striker — in cricket, a batsman who is trying to hit the bowled balls

strip — the design of a particular soccer team's uniform

stumped — see "LBW"

stumping — in cricket, a tag out made at the wicket

stumps — in cricket, the poles that support the wickets

surgery — office of a doctor or dentist

swag — burglar's loot

tail-back — a traffic jam

takeaway — take-out restaurant

tanker lorry — truck designed for bulk shipments of liquids or gases



tattoo — an outdoor military pageant or display

terminus — a terminal

terrace — a row of joined houses

terminus station — last depot on an Underground train line

test match — international match

tig — tag (game)

till — cash register

tinned goods — canned goods

tipper truck — dump truck

Toby jug — mug shaped in the form of a person

toddler on reins — a child on a leash

tombola — game similar to bingo

tombola stall — booth where a game similar to bingo is played

torch — flashlight

traction engine — steam road locomotive popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries

trainer — sneaker

trad jazz — traditional jazz music of the 1920s and 1930s

traffic warden — meter maid or man

tram — streetcar

transport cafe — a truck drivers' all-night diner

treacle — molasses

treacle sponge — molasses pudding

trolley — shopping cart

try — in rugby, a score awarded for advancing the ball past the opponent's goal line

twinned — having a special friendly relationship with a foreign town

twitcher — birdwatcher

tyre — tire

Underground — subway

Union Jack — the British national flag

VAT officer — enforcer of the Value Added Tax

VDU — a visual display unit, or a computer monitor

vegetable marrow — squash or zucchini

verger — church official who serves as an attendant and caretaker

Victoria Cross — a decoration awarded to soldiers and sailors for conspicuous bravery in combat

visiting card — calling card

wage packet — paycheck

ward sister — a head nurse

The Wash — a shallow bay of the North Sea off the east coast of England

wellie, welly — see "wellingtons"

wellingtons — high waterproof boots, named for the Duke of Wellington

welly-throwing — a game involving the tossing of boots

West End — the center of London's theater district

wicket — in cricket, similar to baseball's plate, or the equivalent of an out in baseball

wicket keeper — a position in cricket similar to baseball's catcher

win a blue — to letter in a sport

winder — aviator

wing — a fender

works — a firm or company

WPC — woman police constable

year letter — identifying letter on a car

year 7 — equivalent of a seventh grader, a student in the first year of secondary education

zebra crossing — a crosswalk

