

A Close Look at the Illogic and Disorder of English Spelling

<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>had (a)</p> <p>plaid (ai)</p> <p>have (a-e)</p> <p>half (al)</p> <p>meringue (i-ue)</p> <p>guarantee (ua)</p> <p>laugh (au)</p> <p>dahlia (ah)</p> <p>harangue (a-ue)</p> <p>ingenue (i)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>had</p> <p>plad</p> <p>hav</p> <p>haf</p> <p>merang</p> <p>garrantee</p> <p>laf</p> <p>dalia</p> <p>harang</p> <p>lanzhenoo</p>	<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>met (e)</p> <p>many (a)</p> <p>burial (u)</p> <p>said (ai)</p> <p>aesthetic (ae)</p> <p>says (ay)</p> <p>head (ea)</p> <p>heifer (ei)</p> <p>friend (ie)</p> <p>jeopardy (eo)</p> <p>foetid (oe)</p> <p>guest (ue)</p> <p>damage (a-e)</p> <p>cleanse (ea-e)</p> <p>belle (e-e)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>met</p> <p>meny</p> <p>berrial</p> <p>sed</p> <p>esthetic</p> <p>sez</p> <p>hed</p> <p>hefer</p> <p>frënd</p> <p>jeperdy</p> <p>fetid</p> <p>gest</p> <p>damej</p> <p>clenz</p> <p>bel</p>
<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>maelstrom (ae)</p> <p>made (a-e)</p> <p>steak (ea)</p> <p>rainy (ai)</p> <p>playing (ay)</p> <p>sleigh (eigh)</p> <p>straight (aigh)</p> <p>gauge (au-e)</p> <p>making (a)</p> <p>gaol (ao)</p> <p>veiled (ei)</p> <p>they (ey)</p> <p>raise (ai-e)</p> <p>plagueing (a-ue)</p> <p>ballet (et)</p> <p>seine (ei-e)</p> <p>matinee (ee)</p> <p>dossier (er)</p> <p>bouquet (uet)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>maelstrom</p> <p>maed</p> <p>staek</p> <p>raeny</p> <p>plæing</p> <p>siae</p> <p>straet</p> <p>gaej</p> <p>maeking</p> <p>jael</p> <p>vaeld</p> <p>thae</p> <p>raez</p> <p>plæing</p> <p>balae</p> <p>saen</p> <p>matinae</p> <p>dosyae</p> <p>boekae</p>	<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>seen (ee)</p> <p>key (ey)</p> <p>déceit (ei)</p> <p>field (ie)</p> <p>people (eo)</p> <p>amoeba (oe)</p> <p>team (ea)</p> <p>aeon (ae)</p> <p>leave (ea-e)</p> <p>ravine (i-e)</p> <p>these (e-e)</p> <p>league (ea-ue)</p> <p>cheese (ee-e)</p> <p>deceive (ei-e)</p> <p>believe (ie-e)</p> <p>antique (i-ue)</p> <p>mosquito (ui)</p> <p>ski (i)</p> <p>squeak (uea)</p> <p>receipt (eip)</p> <p>debris (is)</p> <p>esprit (it)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>seen</p> <p>kee</p> <p>deseet</p> <p>feeld</p> <p>peepl</p> <p>ameeba</p> <p>team</p> <p>eeon</p> <p>leev</p> <p>raveen</p> <p>theez</p> <p>leeg</p> <p>cheez</p> <p>deseev</p> <p>beleev</p> <p>anteek</p> <p>moskeeto</p> <p>skee</p> <p>squeek</p> <p>reseet</p> <p>debree</p> <p>espree</p>
<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>father (a)</p> <p>calm (al)</p> <p>lingerie (i)</p> <p>eclat (at)</p> <p>pas (as)</p> <p>genre (e)</p> <p>hurrah (ah)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>faather</p> <p>caam</p> <p>laanzheree</p> <p>aeclaa</p> <p>paa</p> <p>zhaanra</p> <p>hooraa</p>	<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>trustee (ee)</p> <p>trusty (y)</p> <p>happy (y)</p> <p>happiest (i)</p> <p>archaeology (ae)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>trustee</p> <p>trusty</p> <p>hapy</p> <p>hapyest</p> <p>arkyolojy</p>
<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>barn (ar)</p> <p>heart (ear)</p> <p>guardian (uar)</p> <p>bazaar (aar)</p> <p>are (are)</p> <p>sergeant (er)</p> <p>starve (ar-e)</p> <p>catarrh (arrh)</p> <p>bizarre (arre)</p> <p>memoir (ir)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>barn</p> <p>hart</p> <p>gardian</p> <p>bazar</p> <p>ar</p> <p>sarjent</p> <p>starv</p> <p>catar</p> <p>bizar</p> <p>memwar</p>	<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>pin (i)</p> <p>women (o)</p> <p>busy (u)</p> <p>pretty (e)</p> <p>lynch (y)</p> <p>been (ee)</p> <p>sieve (ie-e)</p> <p>guild (ui)</p> <p>anaesthesia (ae)</p> <p>exhibit (hi)</p> <p>give (i-e)</p> <p>minute (u-e)</p> <p>counterfeit (ei)</p> <p>bisque (i-ue)</p> <p>apocalypse (y-e)</p> <p>mischief (ie)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>pin</p> <p>wimen</p> <p>bizy</p> <p>prity</p> <p>linch</p> <p>bin</p> <p>siv</p> <p>gild</p> <p>anistheezha</p> <p>exibit</p> <p>giv</p> <p>minit</p> <p>counterfit</p> <p>bisk</p> <p>apocalips</p> <p>mitschif</p>
<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>chair (air)</p> <p>their (eir)</p> <p>swearing (ear)</p> <p>where (ere)</p> <p>cared (are)</p> <p>prayer (ayer)</p> <p>square (uare)</p> <p>hair (heir)</p> <p>wary (ar)</p> <p>doctrinaire (aire)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>chair</p> <p>their</p> <p>swairing</p> <p>whair</p> <p>caird</p> <p>prair</p> <p>sqair</p> <p>hair</p> <p>wairy</p> <p>doctrinair</p>	<p>ENGLISH SPELLING</p> <p>pin (i)</p> <p>women (o)</p> <p>busy (u)</p> <p>pretty (e)</p> <p>lynch (y)</p> <p>been (ee)</p> <p>sieve (ie-e)</p> <p>guild (ui)</p> <p>anaesthesia (ae)</p> <p>exhibit (hi)</p> <p>give (i-e)</p> <p>minute (u-e)</p> <p>counterfeit (ei)</p> <p>bisque (i-ue)</p> <p>apocalypse (y-e)</p> <p>mischief (ie)</p>	<p>AMERICAN SPELLING</p> <p>pin</p> <p>wimen</p> <p>bizy</p> <p>prity</p> <p>linch</p> <p>bin</p> <p>siv</p> <p>gild</p> <p>anistheezha</p> <p>exibit</p> <p>giv</p> <p>minit</p> <p>counterfit</p> <p>bisk</p> <p>apocalips</p> <p>mitschif</p>

ENGLISH SPELLING

tried (ie)
 trying (y)
 find (i)
 like (i-e)
 buys (uy)
 height (eigh)
 highest (igh)
 rhyme (hy-e)
 stein (ei)
 island (is)
 aisle (ais-e)
 maestro (ae)
 diamond (ia)
 fiery (ie)
 fire (i-e)
 eying (ey)
 guide (ui-e)
 type (y-e)
 coyote (oy)
 eye (eye)
 aye (aye)
 bayou (ay)

ie

AMERICAN SPELLING

tried
 tryieng
 fiend
 liek
 biez
 haet
 hieest
 riem
 stien
 ieland
 iel
 miestro
 diemond
 fiery
 fier
 ieing
 gied
 tiep
 kieoet
 ie
 ie
 bieoo

ENGLISH SPELLING

hoe (oe)
 go (o)
 glow (ow) FINAL
 sew (ew)
 beau (eau)
 though (ough)
 oh (oh)
 apropos (os)
 depot (ot)

o

AMERICAN SPELLING

ho
 go
 glo
 so
 bo
 tho
 aprobo
 deepo

When a word ends in the long vowel "oe" the final "e" may be dropped.
 Before a suffix is added the "e" must be restored.

ENGLISH SPELLING

fort (or)
 store (ore)
 floor (oor)
 pour (our)
 drawer (awer)
 reservoir (oir)
 quorum (uor)
 swarm (ar)
 roar (oar)
 rapport (ort)
 dinosaur (aur)
 torque (or-ue)

or

AMERICAN SPELLING

fort
 stor
 flor
 por
 dror
 rezervor
 qorum
 swarm
 ror
 rapor
 dienosor
 torq

ENGLISH SPELLING

alibi (i)
 buy (uy)
 high (igh)
 dye (ye)
 try (y)
 lie (ie)
 I (i)

i

AMERICAN SPELLING

alibi
 bi
 hi
 di
 tri
 li

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ENGLISH SPELLING

point (oi)
 boy (oy)
 noise (oi-e)
 buoy (uoy)
 gargoyle (oy-e)
 turquoise (uoi-e)

oi

AMERICAN SPELLING

point
 boi
 noiz
 boi
 gargoil
 turkoiz

ENGLISH SPELLING

hot (o)
 swamp (a)
 yacht (ach)
 knowledge (ow)
 honest (ho)
 demijohn (oh)
 bureaucracy (eau)

o

AMERICAN SPELLING

hot
 swomp
 yot
 nolej
 onest
 demijon
 buerocrasy

ENGLISH SPELLING

embargoed (oe)
 going (o)
 glowing (ow)
 sewing (ew)
 soul (ou)
 bone (o-e)
 road (oa)
 yolk (ol)
 brooch (oo)
 beaus (eau)
 depots (ot)
 owe (owe)
 yeoman (eo)
 doughnuts (ough)
 chauffeur (au)
 hautboy (aut)
 mauve (au-e)
 rogue (o-ue)
 cantaloupe (ou-e)
 cognogne (og-e)

oe

AMERICAN SPELLING

embargoed
 goeing
 gloeing
 soeing
 soel
 boen
 roed
 yoek
 broech
 boez
 deepoez
 be
 yoeman
 doenuts
 shoefor
 hoeboi
 moev
 roeg
 cantalhep
 coben

ENGLISH SPELLING

moon (oo)
 group (ou)
 fruit (ui)
 glue (ue)
 drew (ew)
 two (wo)
 flu (u)
 canoe (oe)
 through (ough)
 rule (u-e)
 lieu (ieu)
 loose (oo-e)
 lose (o-e)
 pooh (ooh)
 coup (oup)
 bruise (ui-e)
 jiu-jitsu (iu)
 silhouette (hou)
 buoy (uo)
 deuce (eu-e)
 manoeuvre (oeu)
 sleuth (eu)
 rendezvous (ous)
 mousse (ou-e)

oo

AMERICAN SPELLING

moon
 groop
 froot
 gloo
 droo
 too
 floo
 canbo
 throo
 rool
 loo
 loos
 looz
 poo
 cbo
 brooz
 bojitsoo
 silooet
 booy
 doos
 manbover
 siboth
 rondevoo
 moos

ENGLISH SPELLING

cut (u)
 love (o-e)
 young (ou)
 blood (oo)
 does (oe)
 judge (u-e)
 tongue (o-ue)
 brusque (u-ue)
 courageous (eou)

u

AMERICAN SPELLING

cut
 liv
 yung
 blud
 duz
 juj
 tung
 brusq
 keraejus

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
hue (ue)	ue	hue
feud (eu)		fued
few (ew)		fue
view (iew)		vue
queue (ueue)		kue
fuse (u-e)		fuez
ewe (ewe)		ue
beauty (eau)		buety
fugue (u-ue)		fueg
coupon (ou)		cuepon
nuisance (ui)		nuesans
vacuum (uu)		vacuem
adieu (ieu)		adue
yule (yu-e)		uel
unit (u)		uenit
debut (ut)		debut
impugnity (ug)		impuenity
yew (yew)		ue

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
pull (u)	uu	puul
wolf (o)		wuulf
could (oul)		cuud
book (oo)		buuk
sure (u-e)		shuur
tour (ou)		tuur
pleurisy (eu)		pluurisy
bouillon (oui)	buullyon	

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
furnish (ur)	ur	furnish
burr (urr)		bur
blurred (urre)		blurd
curve (ur-e)		curv
bird (ir)		burd
stirring (irr)		sturing
stirred (irre)		sturd
yearn (ear)		yurn
learned (ear-e)		lurnd
terminal (er)		turminal
err (err)		ur
erred (erre)		urd
worm (or)		wurm
wormed (or-e)		wurmd
serve (er-e)		surv
journey (our)		jurny
scourged (our-e)		scurjd
squirm (uir)		squrm
myrtle (yr)		murtl
myrrh (yrrh)		mur

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
murmur (ur ur)	er	murmer
murderer (ur er)		murderer
girder (ir er)		gurder
learner (ear er)		lurner
herder (er er)		hurder
chattering (er)		chatering
freer (r)		freer
liar (ar)		lieer
augur (ur)		auger
elixir (ir)		elixser
haemorrhage (orrh)	hemerej	
nature (ure)	naecher	
ogre (re)	oeger	
martyr (yr)	marter	
chauffeur (eur)	shoefer	
pursue (ur)	persoo	

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
auto (au)	au	auto
awkward (aw)		aukward
fault (au)		fault
exhaust (hau)		exaust
salt (a)		sault
bought (ough)		baut
taught (augh)		taut
balk (al)		bauk
broad (oa)		braud
false (a-e)		fauls
squall (ua)	sqaul	
awesome (awe)	ausum	
dogmatic (o)	daugmatic	
sauce (au-e)	saus	
law (aw)	aw	law
lawless (aw)		lawles
jaw (aw)		jaw
jawbone (aw)		jawboen

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
cloud (ou)	ou	cloud
house (ou-e)		hous
hour (hou)		our
flour (ou)		flour
out (ou)	out	
how (ow)	ow	how
bough (ough)		bow
pow (ow)		pow
power (ow)		power
landau (au)	landow	

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
feed (f)	f	feed
muffin (ff)		mufin
tough (gh)		tuf
calf (lf)		caf
graphic (ph)		grafic
sapphire (pph)	safier	

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
get (g)	g	get
dagger (gg)		dager
ghetto (gh)		geto
guarded (gu)		garded
vaguely (gue)		vaegly

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
just (j)	j	just
judgment (dg)		jujment
bridge (dge)		bri
soldier (di)		soeljer
magic (g)		maic
exaggerate (gg)		exageraet
region (gi)		reejon
grandeur (de)		granjer
gorgeous (geo)		gorus
adjust (dj)		ajust
modulate (d)		mojulaet
large (ge)		larj

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
kit (k)	k	kit
back (ck)		bak
lacquer (cqu)		laker
khaki (kh)		kaky
chukka (kk)		chuka
talk (lk)		tauk
chemistry (ch)		kemistry
saccharine (cch)		sakarín
biscuit (cu)		biskit
liquor (qu)		likor
lique (que)		clik

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
lip (l)	l	lip
telling (ll)		teiling
muscle (cle)		musi
people (le)		peepl
kiln (ln)		kil
lisle (sl)	liei	

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
men (m)	m	men
hammer (mm)		hamer
column (mn)		colúm
phlegm (gm)		flem
palm (lm)		paam
lamb (mb)		lam

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
not (n)	n	not
runner (nn)		runer
knock (kn)		nok
gnat (gn)		nat
comptroller (mp)		controeler
pneumatic (pn)		noomatic
mnemonic (mn)		nemonic
handsome (nd)		hansum

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
rat (r)	r	rat
rhythm (rh)		rithm
catarrh (rrh)		catar
wrist (wr)		rist
colonel (l)		curnel
corps (rps)		cor
mortgage (rt)		morgej
quandary (ar)		qondry
velours (rs)	veluur	

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
set (s)	s	set
city (c)		sity
fence (ce)		fens
scene (sc)		seen
blessing (ss)		blesing
psychic (ps)		siekic
schism (sch)		sizm
house (se)		hous
worsted (rs)		wuusted
listen (st)		lisen
isthmus (sth)		ismus
sword (sw)		bord
waltz (z)		waults
convalesce (sce)		convales

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
hit (t)	t	hit
little (tt)		litl
indict (ct)		indiet
asked (ed)		askt
hoped (d)		hoept
debt (bt)		det
yacht (cht)		yot
veldt (dt)		velt
receipt (pt)		reseet
thyme (th)		tiem
two (tw)		too
bought (ght)		baut

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
zip (z)	z	zip
puzzle (zz)		puzl
fairs (s)		fairz
scissor (ss)		sizor
business (si)		biznes
scores (es)		scorz
raspberry (sp)		razberry
raise (se)		raez
asthma (sth)		azma
czar (cz)		zar
xanthic (x)		zanthic
anxiety (x)	angzieity	
sneeze (ze)	sneeZ	

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
chip (ch)	ch	chip
niche (che)		nich
cello (c)		chelo
match (tch)		mach
righteous (ght)		riechus
question (ti)		queschun
structure (t)		strukcher

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
shop (sh)	sh	shop
machine (ch)		masheen
ocean (ce)		oeshan
special (ci)		speshal
sure (s)		shuur
fuchsia (chsi)		fuesha
crescendo (sc)		reshendo
conscience (sci)		conshens
schist (sch)		shist
nauseous (seo)		naushus
pension (si)		penshun
issue (ss)		ishoo
nation (ti)		naeshun
negotiate (t)		negoeshyaet
mission (ssi)		mishun
luxury (x)		lukshery
anxious (xio)		ankshus
appreciate (c)	apreeshyaet	
mustache (che)	mustash	

ENGLISH SPELLING		AMERICAN SPELLING
azure (z)	zh	azher
pleasure (s)		plezher
vision (si)		vizhun
loggia (gg)		loezhia
rescission (ssi)		resizhon
brazier (zi)		braezher
equation (ti)		eqaezhun
jabot (j)		zhabo
garage (ge)		garaazh
regime (g)		rezheem