

# STATUS OF ENGLISH

## *British and American English Varieties of the English Language*

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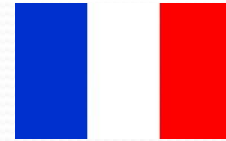
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# Main points of the lecture

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

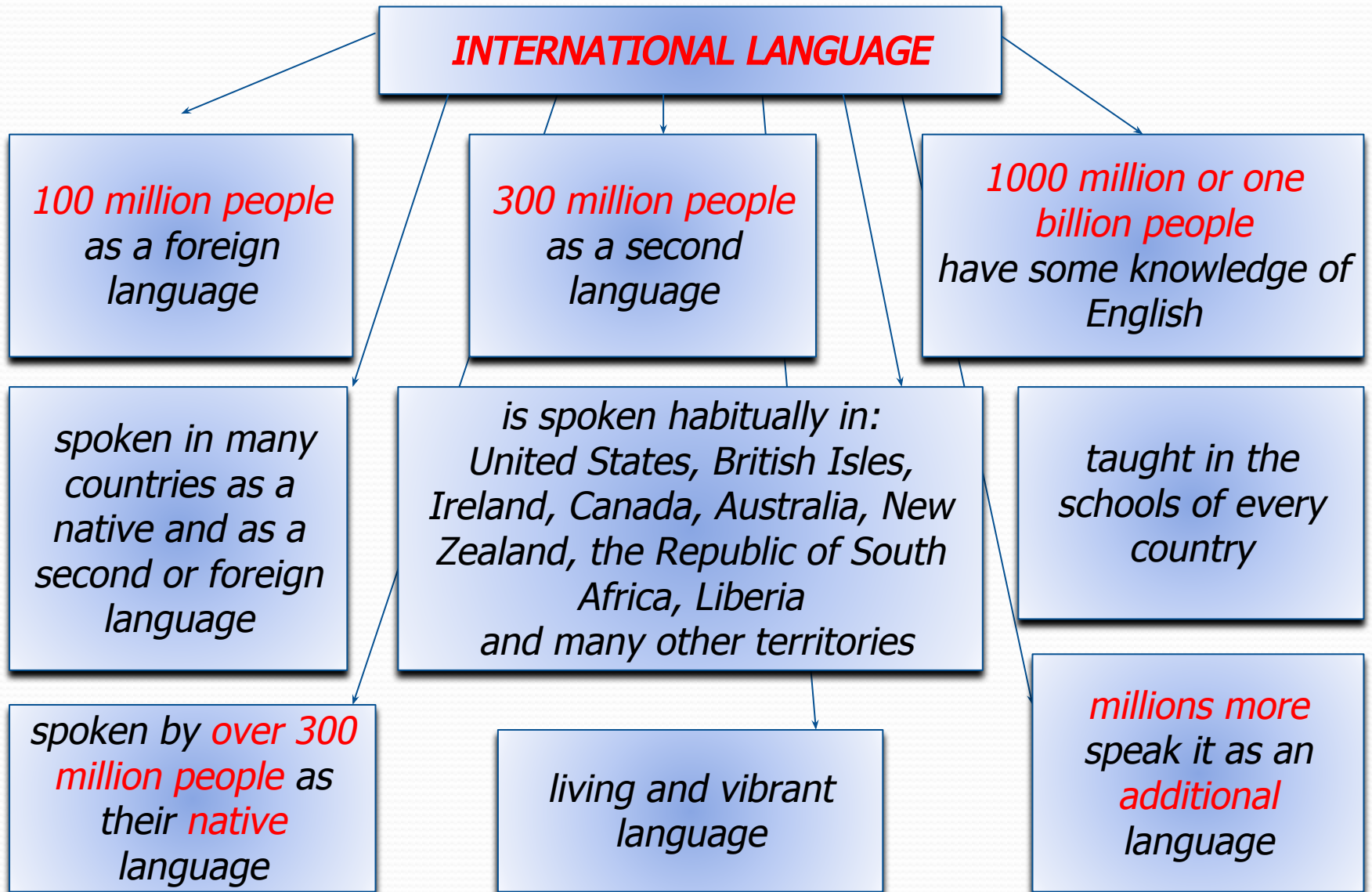
# WORLD'S MAJOR LANGUAGES

Chinese, Spanish, German, French, Greek

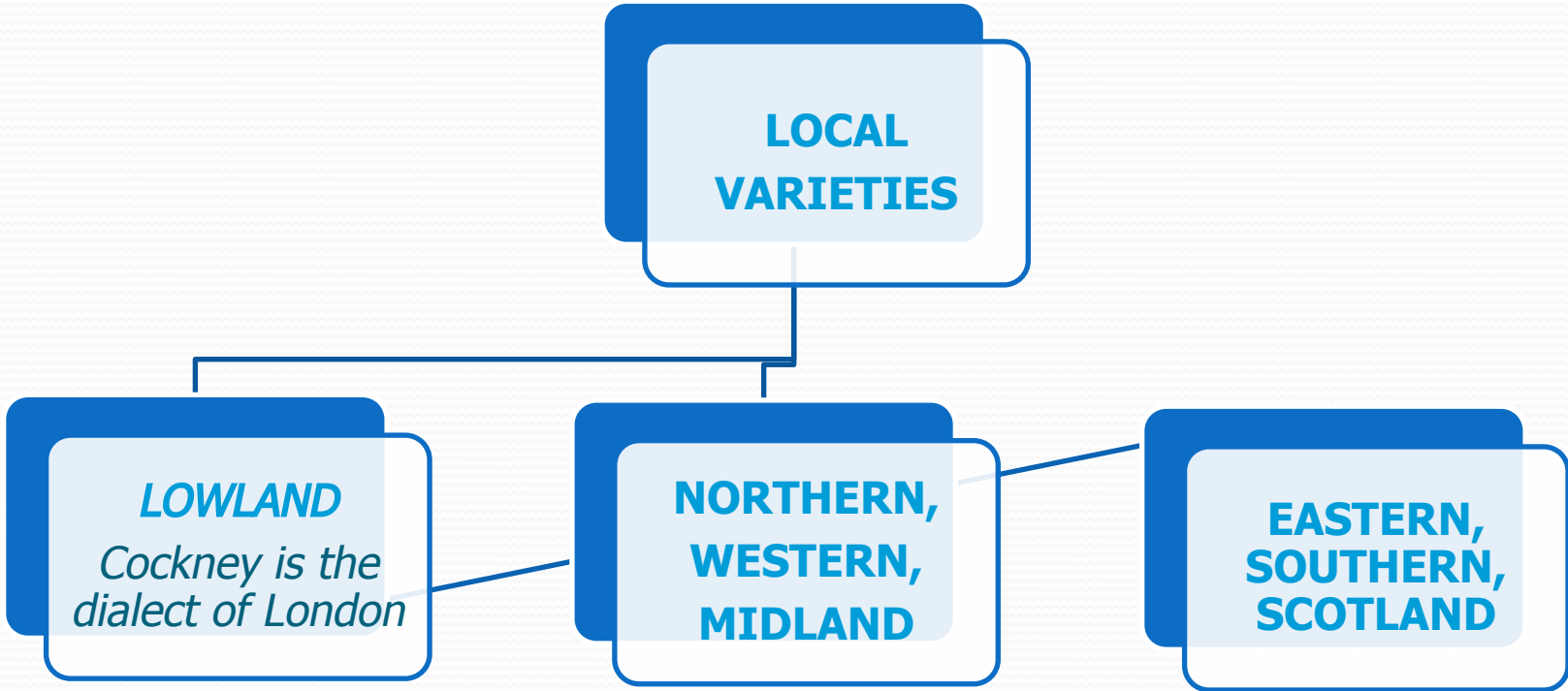


- **English** (the most widely used and geographically widely spread language)
- territorial regions
- standard English, UK, Northern Ireland

# ENGLISH



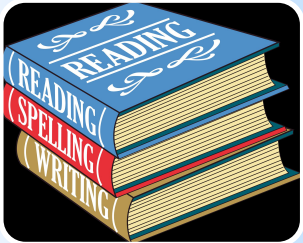
# BRITISH ENGLISH



# 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.

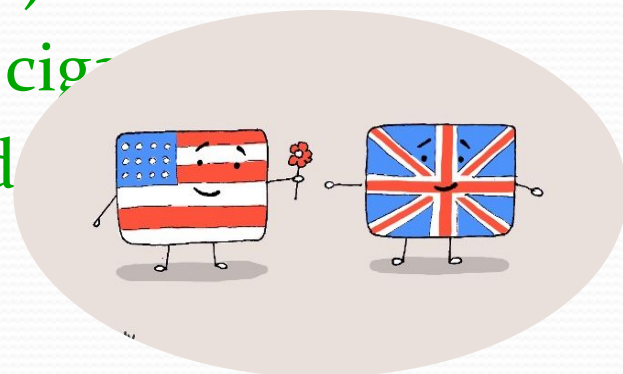
## Some examples of RP and GA

<b>Item</b>	<b>RP</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Short and long A</b>
asthma	`æsmə	az'mə	advance
Capsule	`kæpsju:l	kap'səl	dance
Class	kla:s	klas	ask
Erase	i'reiz	irās'	France
Medicine	`medsin	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



aadult

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**



**#Handbag**

**Purse**



**#Taxi**

**Cab**



**Trousers**

**Pants**



**Underground**

**Subway**



**Petrol**



**Gas**



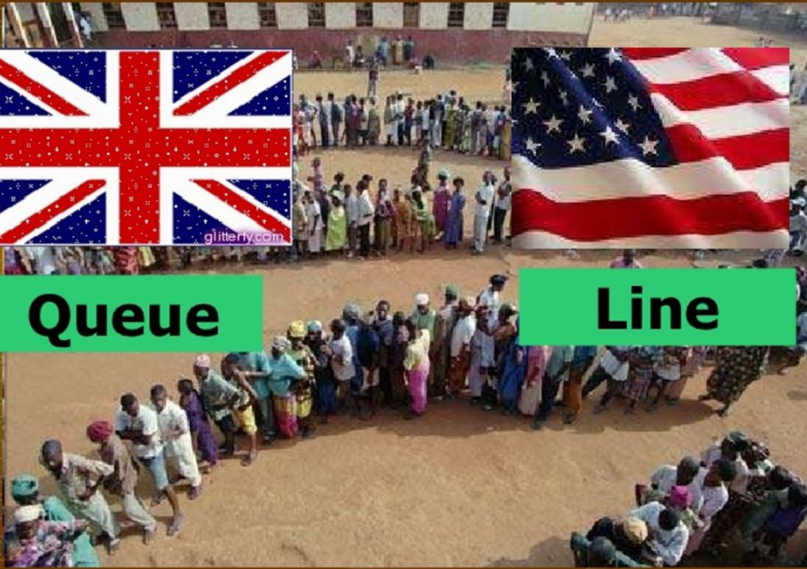
**Sweets**



**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

