### BBC Learning English - Q & A of the Week 你问我答

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# American English Words: Clothes 美国英语词语: 衣着

Natalie: Hello everyone and welcome to another Question and Answer of the Week,

I'm Natalie.

Feifei: 大家好,我是冯菲菲。在《你问我答》节目中,我们为您解答英语语言中的各种问题。

Natalie: Today we are following on from last week's programme that our colleague

Li did about the differences between some American English and British

English words.

Feifei: 在上期节目中我们的同事 Li 回答了听友 Simon 提出的关于美式英语和英式英语词汇

方面差别的问题。不过,美式英语和英式英语的词汇不同之处很多,所以今天我们会在

节目中和大家一起探讨一下这个话题。

Natalie: Last week Li looked at the different words American and British people use

related to food and drink.

Feifei: So what are we exploring this week Natalie? Exploring 探索。

Natalie: Well Feifei, this week we are looking at the different words British and

Americans use related to clothes.

Feifei: Ooh clothes! I love clothes!

Natalie: So I think the only way to teach this is to have a fashion show!

Feifei: A fashion show 时装秀!

Natalie: OK Feifei, I will describe what the models are wearing in American English

and you have to guess what the equivalent word is in British English.

Feifei: Natalie 将会用美式英语词汇来描述模特儿们的穿着,而我需要说出相对应的

equivalent 英式表达。Oh this is going to be fun!

Natalie: And I have some special models.

Feifei: Is that Wang Fei from the China team?

Natalie: Yes I told you I have some special models. Well first we have Wang Fei in

the latest designer sneakers, easy to run in and you will be comfortable in

them all year round.



Feifei: Sneakers. Oh let me think... oh that's trainers.

Natalie: Correct.

Feifei: 在英式英语中运动鞋是 trainers, 但在美式英语中则是 sneakers.

Natalie: Next we have Diarmuid in a British favourite: galoshes. Also a popular

choice with farmers, galoshes keep your feet dry whatever the weather.

Feifei: Galoshes? Diarmuid looks like a farmer!

Natalie: This is a hard one. We call them wellington boots or wellies.

Feifei: 美国人把雨靴称为 galoshes, 而英国人则称雨靴为 wellington boots 或是 wellies.

Natalie: Next is Wang Fei again in a stunning vest.

Feifei: Is that not just a vest in British English?

Natalie: Well yes we have the word vest in British English, which we use for a piece

of clothing we wear under something. A vest in American English is what

we call a waistcoat in British English.

Feifei: 美式英语中单词 vest 意思和英式英语中 waistcoat 马甲, 意思相同。而英式英语中

vest 的意思则和美式英语里 an undershirt 贴身内衣,背心,意思相同。

Natalie: And finally here is Diarmuid again wearing the latest on trend pants. Come

on out Diarmuid!

Feifei: Pants! I don't want to see Diarmuid in his pants!

Natalie: Don't worry Feifei pants in British English may mean underwear but in

American English pants means trousers.

Feifei: Phew. Pants 在英式英语里的意思是内裤,而在美式英语里则是裤子的意思。

Natalie: So Feifei you can see how mixing up some words in British English and

American English could be a bit embarrassing!

Feifei: Yes mixing up pants in British English and American English could definitely

be embarrassing, 可能会很尴尬的。

Natalie: So here are some examples of the words we have learnt today.

Feifei: 第一个说话人将会说英式英语,第二位说话人则会说美式英语。Let's listen to an

example of trainers and sneakers.

# **Insert**

A: I love wearing my trainers, they are so comfortable

B: Same here I love my sneakers.



Natalie: Here is an example of wellington boots and galoshes.

### **Insert**

A: Oh no it's raining. I'd better go get my wellington boots.

B: Yeah, I'll go get my galoshes.

Feifei: Let's hear another example, this time using the words waistcoat and vest.

# **Insert**

A: Do you like my waistcoat?

B: Yes I like your vest.

Natalie: And finally here is an example of trousers and pants.

#### **Insert**

A: These trousers are great for winter, they always keep me warm.

B: Yeah, those pants look really comfortable as well.

Natalie: So those were some words related to clothes that are different in American

English and British English.

Feifei: 大家可以参照字典来学习更多美式英语和英式英语词汇的不同用法。

Natalie: Well if you have a question about the English language that you would like

an answer to then please email us at questions.chinaelt@bbc.co.uk.

Oh no, typical British weather. I better go get my wellies on.

Feifei: I'll go grab my galoshes.

Natalie: Bye.

Feifei: Bye.

