UK or US English?

1 Answer the following quiz questions.
   1 How do you spell colour in US English?
   2 In England, we say toilet, in the US they say ______?
   3 What is the US English word for shopping centre?
   4 We have holidays, and in the US this is called a ______?
   5 If we buy a return ticket, in the US it’s a ______?
   6 How do you spell organise in US English?
   7 What is the US English word for a flat?
   8 In the UK, we have a mobile phone, and in the US this is called a ______?
   9 In US English, is it chips or fries?
   10 In the UK, we say the underground, and in the US it’s ______.

2 In pairs write a story centred around one of themes in the box below. Try to use all ten of the US English words from Ex. 1 and be as imaginative as possible.

   a bad day at the office          a fantastic party
   a brilliant day on holiday      a day out in the fresh air
   a successful shopping outing    a day out in your favourite city
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TEACHER’S NOTES:

Aim: to provide further practice of US English words from the vocabulary page. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 9.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: photocopies of the worksheet for each student

1  This quiz is based on the key vocabulary from the Students’ Book unit 9, page 127. Students can work in pairs or alone but shouldn’t refer to their books. Encourage them instead to work together to answer the questions if they are finding it difficult. Check answers with the whole class.

Answers: 1 color  2 restroom  3 mall  4 vacation  5 round trip
  6 organize  7 apartment  8 cell phone  9 fries  10 the subway

2  Group the students in pairs. Tell them they have to work creatively to use the US English words to write a short story based around one of the themes in the box. Monitor as they work to check if they have any questions. Encourage them to use as much US English as they can. Ask students to swap at the end and compare stories.