

# How well do we know our language?

## Activity 3: New Zealand English and American English

Group work or individual work:

This activity can be carried out individually or between groups as a 'beat the clock' activity.

Divide your page in two and head the two columns **NZ English** and **American English**. Sort the following terms into New Zealand usages and American usages, matching the terms that have the same meaning.

pharmacy  
dressing gown  
thumb tack  
biro  
singlet  
blinds  
fringe  
call in on us  
car park  
clothes peg  
soft drink  
freeway  
bill  
gladwrap  
yard  
carpet  
chuckwagon diner  
cistern  
bobby pin  
closet  
kitchen bench  
cupboard

footpath  
gaming rooms  
attorney  
cabinet  
inspection certificate  
jandals  
National Radio  
night tables  
NPR  
diaper  
parking lot  
counter  
clothes pin  
pen  
pie cart  
drug store  
bangs  
pokie bars  
primary school  
lawyer  
bay carriage  
flip flops

rubbish/bin  
undershirt  
plastic wrap  
nappy  
soda  
rug  
bathrobe  
hairclip  
shades  
drawing pin  
sidewalk  
note  
tank  
trash/can  
visit with us  
section  
wardrobe  
motorway  
warrant of fitness  
pram  
bedside tables  
elementary school