British and American English

Students of English all over the world are aware that (0) there are differences

(1)\_\_\_\_\_ British and American English. But how great are the differences really?

The varieties (2)\_\_\_\_\_ English have historical roots. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ pilgrims left

England in the seventeenth century, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ language has evolved, giving rise to changes (5) \_\_\_\_\_ vocabulary, grammar and spelling. Many of the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ obvious differences are in the vocabulary used in the two countries (7) \_\_\_\_\_ many of the words in common use in the twentieth century (8) \_\_\_\_\_ not exist in the seventeenth (9) \_\_\_\_\_ . "Pavements" in Britain, and "sidewalks" in the USA, only became common later, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ example.

The two countries (11) \_\_\_\_\_ also borrowed words from different sources:

courgettes (12) \_\_\_\_\_ imported to Britain from France (13) \_\_\_\_\_ zucchini were

brought to America (14) \_\_\_\_\_ Italian immigrants. Printing was a relatively new invention in the seventeenth century and the spelling of (15) \_\_\_\_\_ words had not yet been formalised, which accounts for many of the

differences in spelling.

ANSWERS

(1) between (2) of (3) since (4) the (5) in (6) most (7) because/since (8) did (9) century (10) for (11) have (12) were (13) while (14) by (15) many