

## A comparison between the UK and the US

<http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/lifestyle.html> is a site written by a 19 year old British student in 2007. He lived in the United States and in Britain and based his comparisons on his experiences.

### Cost of living

Most items and services are available in both countries.

### How far does your money go?

Three items: a candy bar, bag of chips, and coke are compared and are cheaper in the US. <sup>1</sup>

Clubbing is available in both countries, as are movies.<sup>2</sup> The cost of seeing a movie is more in the UK than in the US.<sup>3</sup> The average ticket price in the US is \$7.50 or 4.87716 GBP.<sup>4</sup>

Gasoline is cheaper in the US.<sup>5</sup> Cars are cheaper in the US than in the UK, on average costing only half as much. <sup>6</sup> Electronics such as laptops, cameras, and phones are cheaper in the US<sup>7</sup>

Land costs more in the UK than in the US. <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/land.html>

London is a beautiful city and, in general, more expensive than the rest of Europe.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/england/london/6060808.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/london/6060808.stm)

This site offers tips on cutting costs and gives average prices for food entertainment, and accommodation in the UK. <http://www.workgateways.com/working-cost-of-living.html>

### UK and USA cost of Entertainment<sup>8</sup>

	USA	UK
Movie	\$7.50 - \$20+	£7-£10
West End Theatre London	<i>n.a.</i>	£25+
Club/Pub Entry	\$5 - \$10	£5 - £20
Live music/concerts	\$7 - \$65+	£10+
Chart CDs	\$10-\$20	£8 - £12
New release DVD rental		£3.50

Houses in the United States cost less than in the UK.<sup>9</sup>

More people are immigrating to the US than the UK.

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/fields/2112.html>

### United Kingdom

2.16 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2009 est.)

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/howfarus.html> shows how far your dollar goes.

<http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/howfaruk.html> shows how far a pound goes.

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/entertainment.html> compares clubbing costs.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.webmasterworld.com/foo/3523805.htm> compares movie prices.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.natoonline.org/statisticstickets.htm>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/petrol.html> compares the cost of gasoline.

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/cars.html> the cost of cars.

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/electronics.html> compares the cost of electronics.

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.walmart.com/cp/Top-100-CDs/14542>

The cost to see Avatar in New York City is about \$20 or 12.7 GBP.

It costs £8.75-£15.00 in London.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/movies/2010/03/27/2010-03-27-see-wallet-shrink-in-3d-ticket-prices-soar-to-20-bucks-for-movies.html>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/houses.html> compares the cost of housing

## United States

4.32 migrant(s)/1,000 population (2009 est.)

Community: <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/community.html> rates Americans as more friendly than British. Then he says it is hard to meet Americans because most friendships are made at work, in school, or through mutual friends. He says that for people under 21 years of age it is hard to meet Americans because minors can't go to bars or clubs where alcohol is served<sup>10</sup> He rates the US lifestyle less hectic and more relaxed than the UK.<sup>11</sup>

Restaurants are abundant in both countries. He prefers the taste of British sandwiches to American sandwiches, but gives a rave review of American restaurants in general.<sup>12</sup>

" Restaurants in the uk (*sic.*) are similar to American versions except with a larger price tag," he says.

Everyday Goods: <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/everydaygoods.html>

Fishing and boating are cheaper in the US. Lakes in the US are larger than in the UK, so boating is in lakes more accessible in the US. In the UK he recommends boating in the sea.<sup>13</sup>

There is more land for recreational vehicles in the US than in the UK.<sup>14</sup>

Clothes are cheaper in the US than in the UK.<sup>15</sup>

Is car insurance cheaper in the US? He thinks so, but he did not compare the same model of car, so we would need to do further research.<sup>16</sup>

Healthcare is private and unaffordable to some in the US, but emergency care is guaranteed for all. Healthcare in the UK is free.<sup>17</sup>

Cost of education:

Language schools

Language Travel Magazine says the language schools are cheaper in the US than in the UK, on average.

<http://www.hothousemedia.com/ltn/ltmbackissues/mar10web/mar10status.htm> provides a cost comparison.

Average cost of a one-month language course by country in US\$\*

Ireland 1,791

UK 1,477

France 1,218

USA 1,189

New Zealand 1,093

Australia 1,008

South Africa 964

Canada 907

Spain 809

Italy 754

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<sup>10</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/sociallife.html>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/lifestyle.html>

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/food.html>

<sup>13</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/fishing.html> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/boating.html>

<sup>14</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/recreation.html>

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/clothes.html>

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/insurance.html>

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.usa-vs-uk.com/healthcare.html>

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\*all prices converted using exchange rate of 15/06/2007.

Here are some sites to help you do research on where to study in the US.

**Worldwide most Visited Independent Site for Booking Language Courses,**

Languagecourse.net shows prices of schools

in the US <http://www.languagecourse.net/schools--usa.php3>

and the UK <http://www.languagecourse.net/schools--england.php3> , according to most popular cities.

4 weeks English course+accommodation in USA from

only 1.545,12 US \$ (765,06 US \$ course only)

**USA 4 weeks English course+accommodation in USA from only 1.545,12 US \$ (765,06 US \$ course only)**

**UK 4 weeks English course+accommodation in England from only 1.493,27 US \$ (785,12 US \$ course only)**

[Study & Live in your Teacher's Home](#) <sup>-5%</sup>

**Study & Live in your Teacher's Home, Cambridge**

Rating of former students:  **5.0/5.0** (2 reviews of this language school)

**3.214,75 Brit. Pound ( 4.948,95 US \$ )** = 3.214,75 Brit. Pound Standard Programme (Course includes accommodation)

[Study & Live in your Teacher's Home](#) <sup>-5%</sup>

**Study & Live in your Teacher's Home, Oxford**

Rating of former students:  **5.0/5.0** (1 Review of this language school)

**3.214,75 Brit. Pound ( 4.948,95 US \$ )** = 3.214,75 Brit. Pound Standard Programme (Course includes accommodation)

[Study & Live in your Teacher's Home](#) <sup>-5%</sup>

**Study & Live in your Teacher's Home, New York**


Rating of former students:  **4.0/5.0** (3 reviews of this language school)

**5.967,50 US \$** Standard Programme (Course includes accommodation)

[Institute of Intensive English](#) <sup>-5%</sup>


**) Institute of Intensive English, Honolulu**

Rating of former students:  **4.4/5.0** (14 reviews of this language school)

**1.965,00 US \$** = 840,00 US \$ Intensive English Program (IEP) + 100,00 US \$ School's administrative fee  
 + 1.025,00 US \$ Student House (Manoa House) The school is located in the famous beach, shopping, and sightseeing area of Waikiki, **a two-minute walk from the beach....**

This site compares prices of different languages schools by country

[http://www.languagecourse24.com/?a=course.search&keyword=&lingo=3&country=14&city=0&school=0&course\\_category=0](http://www.languagecourse24.com/?a=course.search&keyword=&lingo=3&country=14&city=0&school=0&course_category=0)

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**A F International College**  
Los Angeles, USA

Language taught: English

Courses 14 best price: 97.50 USD *per week*



**A F International School of Languages Inc**  
Westlake Village, USA

Language taught: English

Courses 6 best price: 324.00 USD *per week*



**Academia Language School**  
Honolulu, USA

Language taught: English

Courses 10 best price: 130.00 USD *per week*

Intensive Semester/Academic Year - 20 lessons per week											
weeks		1	2	3	4	5	6	10	12	28	
Prices	GBP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4194.00	
Category	Special Courses (English)										
Start dates	Every monday from 2009-01-01 to 2009-12-31										
Registration fee:	0.00 GBP										
Additional prices	Airport Pick-up - Heathrow - 90.00 GBP Airport Pick-up - Gatwick - 105.00 GBP Airport Pick-up - Stansted/Luton - 120.00 GBP Airport Pick-up - London City Airport - 85.00 GBP Train Station Pick Up - 70.00 GBP										
		+ add to clipboard					Booking				

General and Business English - 20 lessons per week											
weeks		1	2	3	4	5	6	10	12	+	
Prices	GBP	-	552.00	787.00	1000.00	1150.00	1379.00	2175.00	2587.00	216.00	
Category	Language for Profession (English)										
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"The program [Nellie's English Projects] caters to adults who are generally too busy with work, studies, or business to attend regular English classes. Let's face it most people are just too busy making a living to find the time to attend the traditional language learning schools. It is difficult to schedule classes and keep appointments. Sometimes just thinking about the traffic and the bad weather is enough to keep many of us at home. It's often more convenient to stay at the comfort of our homes after a hard day at the office."



### Tuition and Payments

The tuition for courses 1-3 is \$199 for 3 months, 4-6 is \$199 a month, and 7-8 is \$60 a month. Students study once a week in a virtual classroom and on a daily basis in a learning environment using Moodle.

1. Beginners English 3 Month Cass Tuition: \$199 <a href="#">Add to Cart</a>	2. Intermediate English 3 Month Tuition: \$199 <a href="#">Add to Cart</a>
3. Advanced English 3 Month Class Tuition: \$199 <a href="#">Add to Cart</a>	4. Beginner's Private Lessons 1 Month Tuition: \$199 <a href="#">Add to Cart</a>
5. Intermediate Private Lessons 1 month tuition: \$199 <a href="#">Add to Cart</a>	6. Advanced Private Lessons 1 Month Tuition: \$199 <a href="#">Add to Cart</a>

<http://www.nelliemuller.com/student-payment.htm>