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**The British Viewpoint Text**

This is a little story, intended for amusement. It achieves its effect by building up an image of the circumstances in which one word is spoken.

**The text:**

1) (Overtitle:) True Brit

2) My wife and I are both British, 3) and we enjoy visiting America. 4) We're particularly attracted to the landscape and architecture in Arizona.

5) While looking over a Scottsdale, Ariz., model house one day, 6) my wife was amused by the real-estate agents, 7) who engaged her in the "you talk kinda funny" conversation. 8) We say "to-mah-to" and Arizonans say "to-may-to." 9) We call the hood of a car a "bonnet" and the trunk a boot.

10) Then, as my wife entered the dining room, 11) one agent pointed to a massive chandelier and asked, 12) "What would you call that in England?"

13) "Ostentatious," my wife replied.

14) extracted from Readers' Digest, September 1999, p. 103, (Overtitle:) True Brit, item 3, quoted from Gary Clark in Arizona Highways.

