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Marc Frisch wrote:

English pronunciation and usage vary hugely within the UK, and I imagine even more within Britain as a whole.

[...]

A great many of the things you've labelled as specifically 'American' are in everyday use in the UK, and I imagine in other parts of Britain as well.

Which parts of Britain are not in the U.K.?

Britain constitutes the territories of the British Crown. This includes the UK (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) and all the rest, which used to be called the Dependent Territories. I think that they have now been renamed the Overseas Territories, which doesn't make a lot of sense since many parts of the UK are separated from each other by sea.

I'm not 100% sure of my facts, but as far as I know the Channel Isles, Man, Gibraltar, the Falkland Islands and the Bahamas are all parts of Britain. I'm not sure about the status of the Orkneys and Shetlands (are they part of Scotland, and therefore the UK?). I think there may be some other bits and pieces dotted around the globe as well.

Samuel

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