

## Word on the Street

### History Scene 1 – Language Focus

#### Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

#### Activity 1

Select the American English word to complete each sentence.

- Can we look at the \_\_\_\_\_? I want to buy a new pair for the wedding.
  - pants
  - trousers
- Can we have the \_\_\_\_\_, please? We'll pay by card.
  - bill
  - check
- These \_\_\_\_\_ are delicious. Did you make them yourself?
  - biscuits
  - cookies
- I think we've packed everything. Let's put our bags in the \_\_\_\_\_ (of the car).
  - boot
  - trunk
- I want to buy some aspirin. Is there a \_\_\_\_\_ near here?
  - chemist
  - drugstore
- It's a great apartment – but I wouldn't

like to live on \_\_\_\_\_.

- the first floor
  - the ground floor
- All the history books are on the fourth floor. Let's get the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - elevator
    - lift
  - We need to stop and get some \_\_\_\_\_ soon. We've almost run out.
    - gas
    - petrol
  - A burger and a salad. Fine. And would you like rice or \_\_\_\_\_ with that?
    - chips
    - fries
  - We should buy some snacks for the party. Maybe some nuts and some \_\_\_\_\_.
    - chips
    - crisps

#### Activity 2

Can you remember the American English words from Activity 1? Write down the words to complete the sentences.

- All the history books are on the fourth floor. Let's get the lift (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US).
- Can we have the bill (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US), please? We'll pay by card.
- Can we look at the trousers (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US)? I want to buy a new pair for the wedding.

4. I think we've packed everything. Let's put our bags in the boot (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US) (of the car).
5. I want to buy some aspirin. Is there a chemist (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US) near here?
6. It's a great apartment – but I wouldn't like to live on the ground floor (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US).
7. These biscuits (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US) are delicious. Did you make them yourself?
8. We need to stop and get some petrol (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US) soon. We've almost run out.
9. A burger and a salad. Fine. And would you like rice or chips (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US) with that?
10. We should buy some snacks for the party. Maybe some nuts and some crisps (UK) / \_\_\_\_\_ (US)?

### Activity 3

Complete the sentences with the correct passive expressions for talking about landmarks.

- a) was designed
- b) was destroyed

- c) was completed
- d) was built
- e) was added
- f) was built
- g) was painted

1. St Paul's Cathedral \_\_\_\_\_ by Sir Christopher Wren.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ in 1708.
3. The original St Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ in the Great Fire of London in 1666.
4. Piccadilly Circus \_\_\_\_\_ in 1819 to connect Regent Street and Piccadilly.
5. The fountain, with its famous statue of the Greek god Eros, \_\_\_\_\_ in 1893.
6. Tower Bridge \_\_\_\_\_ between 1886 and 1894.
7. It \_\_\_\_\_ blue to match the colour of the Queen's eyes.

## Answers

### Activity 1

Correct answers: 1. a); 2. b); 3. b); 4. b); 5. b); 6. a); 7. a); 8. a); 9. b); 10. a)

### Activity 2

1. elevator
2. check
3. pants
4. trunk
5. drugstore
6. the first floor
7. cookies
8. gas
9. fries
10. chips

### Activity 3

1. was designed
2. was completed
3. was destroyed
4. was built
5. was added
6. was built
7. was painted