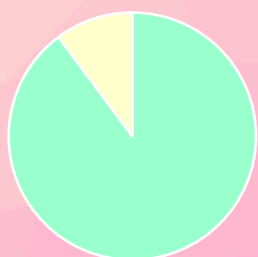


# Survey Results

English spelling conventions differ somewhat depending upon the country. We tend to think of a British model vs. an American model. What about Canadian?

*How do you spell each of the following words ?*



■ honour (203) ■ honor (23)

## honour vs. honor

Among our respondents, the clear winner for this pair is *honour*. In this case the Canadian standard is in agreement with the British. *Honour*, and other words spelled with a “u” (like *flavour*, *labour*) have become a Canadian badge of identity, a way to contrast with the United States (where *honor*, *flavor*, *labor* prevail).

## realize vs. realise

Our respondents had a preference for *realize* with a “z”. This is the spelling most common in the United States, while *realise* dominates in Britain. These results confirm those in published studies that find Canadians also prefer “z” in the *-ize/ise* suffix (*realize*, *finalize*).



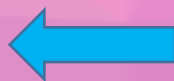
■ realize (194) ■ realise (33)



■ spectre (168) ■ specter (44)

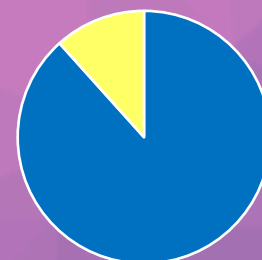
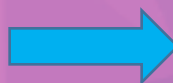
## specter vs. spectre

Most respondents chose the *-re* ending which is associated with British usage; however a large number chose the American *-er* spelling.



## catalogue vs catalog

The clear winner here is *catalogue*, which is the common British spelling. Americans use both spellings with a tendency towards *catalog*.



■ catalogue (197) ■ catalog (26)

So what do you think? Do Canadians spell like the British, the Americans, or in their own way?