What Do You Call It?

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At home and out to play

IN THE UNITED STATES	IN AUSTRALIA
bathroom or restroom	loo or toilet
Mom	Mum
sweater	jumper
bathrobe	dressing gown
sunglasses	sunnies
flip-flops	thongs
rain boots	gumboots
diaper	nappy
pacifier	dummy
flashlight	torch
elevator	lift
shopping cart	shopping trolley
trash	rubbish
dump	tip or rubbish tip
garbage can	rubbish bin
eraser	rubber

TRY IT!

Choose one Australian word and use it in a sentence:

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Food and getting around

IN THE UNITED STATES	IN AUSTRALIA
candy	lollies
cotton candy	fairy floss
popsicle	icy pole or iceblock
bell pepper	capsicum
cilantro	coriander
cookie	sweet biscuit or bickie
ketchup	tomato sauce
car trunk	car boot
car hood	car bonnet
windshield	windscreen
gas	petrol
parking lot	car park
pickup truck	ute
vacation	holiday

SAME SPELLING, DIFFERENT SOUND

Zebra is spelled the same in both places. Many Americans say “ZEE-bruh,” while Australians commonly say “ZEB-ruh.”