What is the difference between “carat” and “karat”?

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Though they sound the same, **“carat”** and **“karat”** refer to **two entirely different measurements**—both important in the world of fine jewellery.

1. Carat (ct) – *Used for Gemstones*

- **What it measures**: **Weight**, specifically of gemstones like diamonds, sapphires, rubies, etc.
- **Standard**: 1 carat = **0.2 grams**
- **Example**: A 1.00ct diamond weighs 0.2 grams, while a 2.00ct diamond weighs 0.4 grams.

Carat affects a gemstone’s value, but it’s one of several key factors—including cut, clarity, and colour—that influence overall beauty and brilliance.

2. Karat (kt) – *Used for Gold Purity*

- **What it measures**: **Purity of gold**, expressed in parts out of 24
- **Standard**:
  - **24kt** = pure gold (99.9%)
  - **22kt** = 91.6% gold
  - **18kt** = 75% gold
  - **14kt** = 58.5% gold

While the spelling "karat" is commonly used in the **United States**, in the **UK and many other countries**, we spell it "**carat**" for both gold and gemstones—context determines the meaning.

PureJewels Approach

At **PureJewels**, we specialise in fine jewellery crafted in **18ct, 22ct, and 24ct gold**, and all our diamonds and gemstones are measured in **carats**. Whether you're exploring a **0.50ct solitaire** or a **22ct gold heirloom bangle**, we guide you with clarity and integrity, so you always know

exactly what you’re receiving.