

Standard and Non-Standard English



Standard English is the **formal** type of writing that you should use in your **written** work. It helps make your writing **clearer**.

Standard English



We **are** the best team.

I **haven't** seen him.

non-Standard English



We **is** the best team.

I **ain't** seen him.

1 Write '**S**' next to the sentences written in **Standard English** and '**N**' next to the ones written in **non-Standard English**.

He were an amazing player.

I will played sport later.

I am going fishing today.

That are an awful story.

Last week, I run five miles.

We are listening to music.

Have you finished your dinner?

I eat two muffins yesterday.

You are very tall, Mr Grew.

I am building a spaceship.

2 **Cross out** the **incorrect options** in **brackets** so that these sentences are in **Standard English**.

I (saw / seen) my grandparents earlier when they (came / come) over.

You should (have / of) asked before you (done / did) it without me.

I would (have / of) asked Stuart, but he (gone / went) home.

Jerry (come / came) downstairs because he had (done / did) his homework.

We might (have / of) left the pencils where we (done / did) the drawing.

Kevin must (have / of) (gone / went) on another special mission.

3 Write the correct word to complete each sentence in Standard English.

them

those

Go and ask people if they'll help us carry it.

I was so hungry that I ate all in one go.

Take photos over to the windowsill, please.

I saw steal the stickers at lunchtime.

Nicola and both play the trombone.

My cousin is teaching to do karate.

It's my turn because they found first.

Oli and are planning a surprise party.

me

I

'I' is a subject and 'me' is an object.

4 Circle the verbs that are not in the correct form and write the correct form of the verb below. The first one has been done for you.

My parents (has) just bought a bakery. It are just down the road from our
.....
have

house. I is helping them to get it ready for the grand opening. Dad say

.....
the decorating is finished so now we is getting the food ready. Mum and

.....
Dad are great bakers. Dad bake all the bread and cakes, and Mum do

.....
everything else. I hope lots of people visits the bakery when it opens.

In **Standard English**, only use **one negative word** to make the meaning negative.



I **don't** know.

Double negatives are **non-Standard English**.



I **don't** know **nothing**.

'**Ain't**' is **non-Standard English**.



We **ain't** coming.

5 Write **'2'** next to the **double negative** sentences and **'1'** next to those with **one negative**.

I haven't got nothing.

You can't see nothing in here.

My dad hasn't got a beard.

David doesn't like broccoli.

We don't have no biscuits left.

No one said nothing to me.

Michael won't go nowhere.

We mustn't do anything yet.

I can't tell you the secret.

Oliver couldn't find anyone.

They haven't got a sister.

Clara wasn't helping no one.

6 Rewrite these sentences in **Standard English**.

I ain't very well.

We ain't sure.

Raj ain't going.

Becky ain't got it.

I ain't finished.

He ain't here.

"I can write sentences in Standard English."

