

Year 4 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Warm-Up Powerpoint

Standard English Warm-Up



What Is Standard English?

Sometimes, when you are speaking, you may use locally-spoken or non-standard forms of English, for example:



We **was** shopping when we **seen** it. It **were** massive!

However, when you are writing, you should always use standard English. You can do this by using the correct verb inflections and not using any 'slang'. She should have said:



We **were** shopping when we **saw** it. It **was** massive!

Non-Standard English

Can you fill in the table below to convert these poorly written phrases into standard English? Remember to use the correct verb inflections.

Non-Standard Forms	Standard English
We was	We were
I ain't got	I haven't got
You should of	You should have
I done it	I did it / I have done it
I seen him	I saw him / I have seen him



Spot the Slang

Read the sentences below and spot the **non-standard** English which needs to be corrected.



It were a huge, red bus.

It **was** a huge, red bus.

"I seen him at the newsagents yesterday," recalled Joey.

"I **saw** him at the newsagents yesterday," recalled Joey.



"I want one of them fancy watches," said Liam.

"I want one of **those** fancy watches," said Liam.

Jack don't want none of them flies to bite him.

Jack **doesn't** want **any** of **those** flies to bite him.



Standard English Quick Quiz

Let's see if you can spot the slang.

Which of these sentences is written in standard English?

I only come to see the paintings.

I only came to see the paintings.

Next

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Let's see if you can spot the slang.

Which of these sentences is written in standard English?

I done all of my work.

I did all of my work.

Next

Standard English Quick Quiz

Let's see if you can spot the slang.

Which of these sentences is written in standard English?

Can I borrow a pencil?

Can I lend a pencil?

Next

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Let's see if you can spot the slang.

Which of these sentences is written in standard English?

Their house hasn't got any toys.

Their house ain't got no toys.

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Standard English Quick Quiz

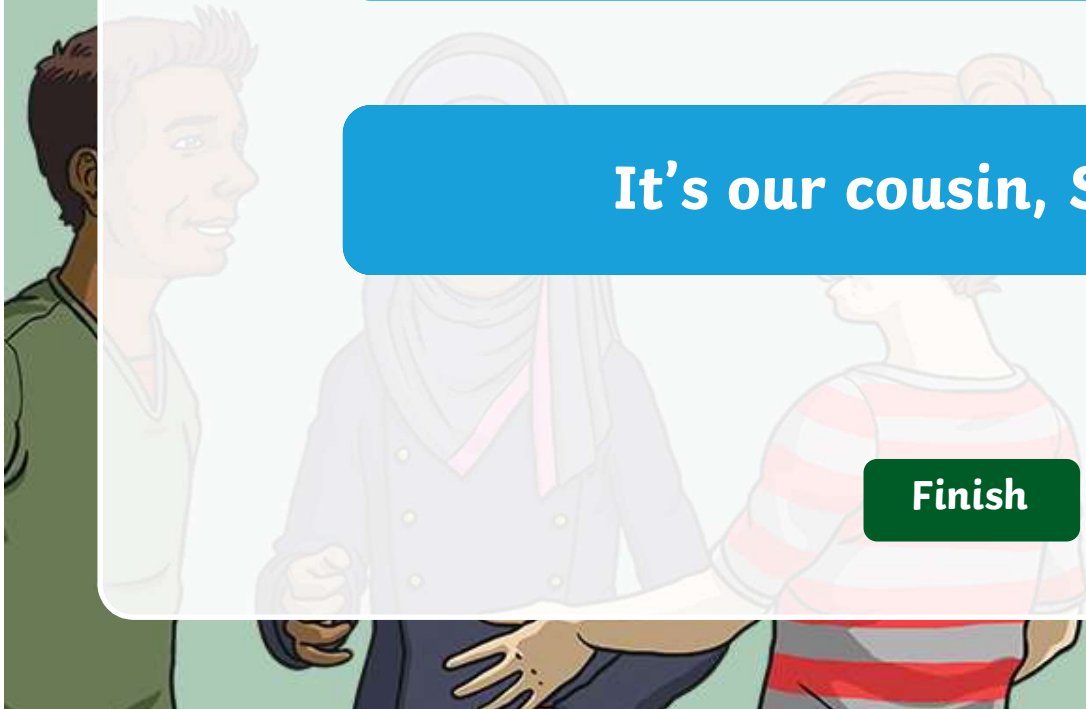
Let's see if you can spot the slang.

Which of these sentences is written in standard English?

It's are cousin, Spencer.


It's our cousin, Spencer.

Finish



Conversation Confusion

This conversation between a pair of teenagers is so confusing! Can you correct their speech into **standard English** so that we can understand what is going on?



I'm dead bored. I done all my homework already.

I'm **really** bored. **I've** done all my homework already.

I **haven't**. Can I **borrow** it from you and copy?


I ain't. Can I lend it from you and copy?

Naw ! You should of did it yourself. It were easy.

No! You should **have done** it yourself. It **was** easy.

Well, you should **have** said if you **were** bothered.

Well, you should of said if you was bothered.



Awful Advertising

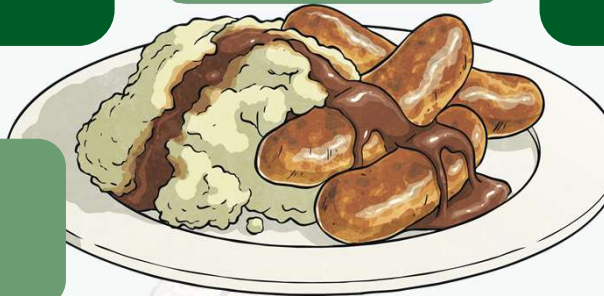
Below is an advertisement for a famous brand of sausages but it is littered with non-standard English. Can you correct it?

You can't get **any** fresher than **these** juicy, meaty sausages.

They're **reghty** tasty!

Make sure you get **them** – there won't be **any** left if you're not quick.

There's no gristle in sight!



"I should **have** got more!"

- Mrs Smith, Bolton

Silly Sausages Ltd



Standard English Quick Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Which of these options is the correct way to complete this sentence?

“I don’t want _____ of those chips!”
screached Chantelle.

none

any

Next

Standard English Quick Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Which of these options is the correct way to complete this sentence?

Holly_____that film yesterday.

saw

seen

Next

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Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Which of these options is the correct way to complete this sentence?

Trish is _____ Employee of the Month.

are

our

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Standard English Quick Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Which of these options is the correct way to complete this sentence?

“I’d like one of _____ buns,” requested the old lady.

them

those

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Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Which of these options is the correct way to complete this sentence?

“I could _____ died!” screamed Bob.

have

of

Finish

