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



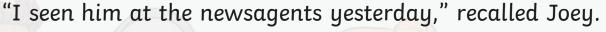
Spot the Slang

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 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.





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.

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.

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?

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.

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

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

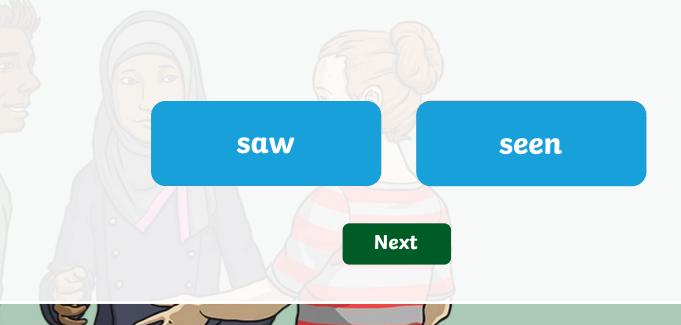
"I don't want _____ of those chips!" screeched Chantelle.

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

Holly____that film yesterday.



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

Trish is_____Employee of the Month.



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

"I'd like one of _____ buns," requested the old lady.

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

"I could_____ died!" screamed Bob.

