

## KS3 English Quiz - Standard English 01 (Questions)

**Correctly written English could be called standard English.** "Standard English" might be described as the English language as it is spoken and written by educated native users. Your English teacher is undoubtedly trying to teach you Standard English!

Standard English is the form of English which is most likely to be understood everywhere in the UK. As a commonly agreed dialect, it has many of the features of local dialects ironed out. This is not to say that words or sentence structures acceptable in local dialects but not in Standard English are always incorrect. Sometimes local dialects preserve much older versions of English, including ways of pronouncing words or conjugating verbs. For example, in certain parts of the UK, you might hear someone say something like, "That's me mam" for "That's my mum". Your first thought might be that the speaker is being ungrammatical by using "me" where Standard English would use "my". But, historically speaking, the word "my" was many centuries ago pronounced "me" and it is this pronunciation which has been preserved.

Nevertheless, it is important to master Standard English in order to be able to communicate well with the widest number of people, rather than only those who share the same dialect.

Check your knowledge of Standard English forms by taking this quiz.

**1. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**He only ..... his homework this morning.**

- did
- doing
- done
- will do

**2. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**Mum would ..... the shopping if she ..... time.**

- have done, had had
- have done, had of had
- of done, had had
- of done, had of had

**3. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**I mightn't ..... arrived today if I hadn't booked my ticket.**

- have
- never
- not
- of

**4. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**The boys are asking for ..... books as ..... ready to read.**

- their, their
- their, they're
- they, they're
- they're, their

**5. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**We couldn't ..... finished the work without you.**

- had
- have
- not have
- of

**6. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**They ..... the cooking while he ..... the cleaning.**

- did, did
- did, done
- done, did
- done, done

**7. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**I would ..... made the cake if you ..... already done so.**

- have, had of
- have, hadn't
- of, had have
- of, had'nt

**8. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**He should ..... his work by midday but he was late.**

- have did
- have done
- of did
- of done

**9. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**She ..... her work early but she ..... her piano practice late.**

- did, did
- did, done
- done, did
- done, did

**10. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.**  
**I could ..... written to him if I ..... enough time.**

- have, had had
- have, had of had
- of, had had
- of, Had've had

## KS3 English Quiz - Standard English 01 (Answers)

1. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
He only ..... his homework this morning.

- did
- doing
- done
- will do

"He only done his homework" would not be Standard English

2. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
Mum would ..... the shopping if she ..... time.

- have done, had had
- have done, had of had
- of done, had had
- of done, had of had

Always use "would have", NEVER "would of"! When people make the mistake of writing "would of", they are actually thinking of the contraction "would've", which is short for "would have", of course!

3. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
I mightn't ..... arrived today if I hadn't booked my ticket.

- have
- never
- not
- of

"I mightn't have" is rather a mouthful!

4. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
The boys are asking for ..... books as ..... ready to read.

- their, their
- their, they're
- they, they're
- they're, their

"They're" is a contraction of "they are". "Their" means belonging to them. We use "there" in sentences such as "I would like to go there"

5. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
We couldn't ..... finished the work without you.

- had
- have
- not have
- of

Always use "couldn't have", NEVER "couldn't of"! When someone writes "couldn't of", they are trying to reproduce the sound of someone saying "couldn't've" (a double contraction of "could not have"), which is not Standard English in writing, even though you might hear people say it!

6. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
They ..... the cooking while he ..... the cleaning.

- did, did
- did, done
- done, did
- done, done

Use "done" when you want to say that something is finished: "the dishes had been done", "her shift was done"

7. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
I would ..... made the cake if you ..... already done so.

- have, had of
- have, hadn't
- of, had have
- of, had'nt

"Hadn't" is a contraction of "had not"

8. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
He should ..... his work by midday but he was late.

- have did
- have done
- of did
- of done

He does, he did, he has done, he had done, he will do!

9. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
She ..... her work early but she ..... her piano practice late.

- did, did
- did, done
- done, did
- done, did

Never "she done"!

10. Select the word(s) that make the sentence correct.  
I could ..... written to him if I ..... enough time.

- have, had had
- have, had of had
- of, had had
- of, Had've had

Never, never, never use "had of had" - it is always wrong!