

KS3 English Quiz - Standard English 03 (Questions)

Standard English is about choosing the right word to make a sentence understandable.

This quiz focusses on a few specific common errors which you should avoid if you'd like to speak and write in Standard English. One of these is a confusion between the verbs "teach" and "learn". In modern English, "to teach" means that the subject is imparting knowledge or helping someone else to learn. By contrast, the verb "to learn" means that the subject is gaining new knowledge or skills. In Standard English, it is not correct to say "I'll learn him" or "That'll learn him". Although you can KNOW a person, you can't really LEARN them! Instead, it would be correct to say "I'll teach him" or "That'll teach him".

Another common error which occurs in some dialects is to say "it were". As you know, subjects and verbs need to agree in person and number. "It" is singular, rather than plural. It is also third-person. Just as it would not be correct to say "she were" or "he were", it is also not correct to say "it were", at least in Standard English.

Practise, practise, then practise some more with English. A good solid grasp of English will set you on your way in the world. Here is the third quiz in our Standard English series.

1. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

They will him the new song.

- learn
- learned
- teach
- teached

2. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

He will the new song that they will him.

- learned, taught
- learn, teach
- taught, learned
- teach, learn

3. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

I'll him not to do that again!

- learn
- learned
- teach
- teached

4. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

He'll not to do that again when I him next lesson.

- learned, taught
- learn, teach
- taught, learn
- teach, learn

5. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

We hungry so we ate the apples I bought.

- was, that
- was, what
- were, that
- were, what

6. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

It a dark and stormy night and we cold and wet.

- was, was
- was, were
- were, was
- were, were

7. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

Can I a pen from you please?

- borrow
- give
- lend
- let

8. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

You can the pen which I will you.

- borrow, lend
- borrow, let
- lend, borrow
- lend, give

9. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

Yesterday I some leaflets to children to distribute.

- gave, those
- gave, them
- give, them
- give, those

10. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

I could carried my luggage but I it to mum.

- have, gave, my
- have, give, me
- of, gave, my
- of, give, me

KS3 English Quiz - Standard English 03 (Answers)

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They will him the new song.

- learn
- learned
- teach
- teached

They can learn something but not someone!

2. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

He will the new song that they will him.

- learned, teached
- learn, teach
- teached, learned
- teach, learn

He will learn something (a new song) but he cannot learn someone!

3. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

I'll him not to do that again!

- learn
- learned
- teach
- teached

You can teach someone, and you can teach something to someone. You can learn something, but not someone!

4. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

He'll not to do that again when I him next lesson.

- learned, teached
- learn, teach
- teached, learn
- teach, learn

Remember that a person can learn something or be taught something

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"We were" not "we was"

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"He", "she" and "it" take "was". "We", "you" and "they" take "were"

7. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

Can I a pen from you please?

- borrow
- give
- lend
- let

You can lend something to someone; that person "borrows" from you

8. Which is the correct answer in the following sentence?

You can the pen which I will you.

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The subject of the verb "will lend" is "I". The subject of the verb "can borrow" is "you"

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"Gave" is in the past tense, "yesterday I gave..."

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Remember: "could have" not "could of"!