

# 'Were' or 'Was' and 'Did' or 'Done'

1. Sort the sentences below into the correct columns.

- A. We was looking everywhere for it.
- B. Lucy was Jenny's best friend.
- C. Kyle had done the job well.
- D. They were rewarded with golden time.
- E. She done well on her test.

Standard English	Non-standard English

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4. Sophie is looking at the sentence below.

Neil \_\_\_\_\_ looking over my shoulder at the answers when we \_\_\_\_\_ our test.

She says,



The first missing word is 'was' and the second is 'done'.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.

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2. Underline the correct form of the verbs in the passage below.

A. This morning, we was/were late for football practice because my brother had did/done his shoelaces up incorrectly.

B. I did/done extra homework because I found it interesting. My teacher was/were really proud of me.

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5. Pratap has completed his homework but he has made some errors.

	In 1969, two men landed on the
	Moon. One astronaut were from
	England and the other was from
	America. They done what no other
	astronauts had did before.

Rewrite the text so that it is written in standard English.

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3. Complete the sentences below with the correct past tense form of the verbs 'to be' or 'to do'.

A. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ fed up with the rain outside because they had \_\_\_\_\_ all their work and wanted to play in the garden.

B. We \_\_\_\_\_ our stretches before our practice started because our coach \_\_\_\_\_ running late.

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6. Use the picture below and write two sentences.



One sentence must include 'was' or 'were' and the second must include 'did' or 'done'.

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B, C and D	A and E

2. A. This morning, we was/were late for football practice because my brother had did/done his shoelaces up incorrectly.  
B. I did/done extra homework because I found it interesting. My teacher was/were really proud of me.
3. A. The boys were fed up of the rain outside because they had done all their work and wanted to play in the garden.  
B. We did our stretches before our practice started because our coach was running late.
4. Sophie is correct for the first missing word because 'Neil' is singular. However, she is incorrect for the second missing word as there is no 'had' before the missing word. The missing word should be 'did'.
5. In 1969, two men landed on the Moon. One astronaut was from England and the other was from America. They did what no other astronauts had done before.
6. Various answers, for example:  
The children were drawing on a large piece of paper.  
Frank did his painting using watercolours.