

Recognising Formal and Informal Writing

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

Myla should of/have completed her homework on time. She normally did/done it the day she got it, but she had a dentist appointment. She were/was really worried that she wouldn't have enough time.

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4. Farkanda has completed her homework but she has made some errors.

Children was evacuated from their homes. They done this so they were safely in the country away from bombings. Many ran back home even though they should of stayed away.

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

A

2. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences below.

these

those

them

A. Pass me _____ scissors.

B. I like _____ shoes the best.

C. She showed _____ where to look.

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5. Winston has written the sentences below.

I had a list of chores. Once

I had done all them jobs, I

were allowed to go to my

friends to play.

Has he used Standard English? Explain how you know.

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3. Sort the sentences below into the correct columns.

- A. Them shoes are too small now.
- B. He did a cooking course today.
- C. I should of got up earlier.
- D. We was waiting for ages.
- E. Those children are being kind.
- F. I done it already.

Standard English	Non-Standard English

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6. Write a sentence using Standard English and the word bank below.

them

questions

done

completed

A

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1. Myla should of/have completed her homework on time. She normally did/done it the day she got it, but she had a dentist appointment. She were/was really worried that she wouldn't have enough time.

2. A. those; B. these or those; C. them

3.

Standard English	Non-Standard English
B and E	A, C, D and F

4. Children were evacuated from their homes. They did this so they were safely in the country away from bombings. Many ran back home even though they should have stayed away.

5. Winston has not used Standard English because he should have used 'those' or 'these' instead 'them' because 'them' cannot be used as a determiner. He should also have used 'was' instead of 'were' because 'I' is singular.

6. Various answers, for example: They have gone through the questions and completed them very well.