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STANDARD AND NON-STANDARD ENGLISH

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Annotation: *We all know that a language has different dialects and pronunciations in various areas where it is spoken depending on the culture and ways of people. But are you aware of the term standard and non-standard language? Or more specifically Standard and non-Standard English? Apart from the differences in spellings, dialects and pronunciations, a language differs in its form depending on the audience it is used for.*

In this article, I will throw light on the meaning of the terms Standard English and non-standard English. I will compare both of them and will let you know the different scenarios and settings where each one of this is used.

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STANDARD ENGLISH

The formal type of English language that is mostly spoken and written in government agencies and environments is called Standard English. Apart from government institutions, Standard English is also engaged in media conversations, school announcements and international communications.

Standard English is not an alien language but is very similar to normal English language that we use in our daily life. The only difference between the two is that Standard English makes use of complicated terms which are otherwise not very common in our everyday communications. This makes this language very formal and perfect for settings like government authorities, media and international dealings.

In other words, you can say that Standard English is the language that is used by educated speakers in their speeches, researches, interviews or any other kind of public discourse.

Standard English is a form of the English language that is commonly agreed to be the correct form of English. This is the form of English that your students will be taught to use in their primary education classroom.



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After all, the aim of the national curriculum is that everyone should be able to use standard English as needed in writing and in relatively formal speaking. It follows grammatical rules like subject-verb agreement and the correct use of verb tenses, pronouns, word classes, spelling and other aspects of grammar.

The English language has developed from standard English to vary according to regional dialects. However, all of these are branches that can be traced back to standard English.

How to teach standard English?

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What is standard English in writing?

Standard English follows spelling, grammar and punctuation rules. It's seen as a more formal type of English. On the other hand, non-standard English doesn't stick to the formal spelling, grammar and punctuation rules and so it's perceived as informal.

Is standard English the same around the world?

Nope! Standard English varies depending on where you're teaching the language. For example, if you're in Britain, you'll recognise words such as colour, centre and familiarise as correct, but in America, you would write them as color, center and familiarize.

There's no form of international standard English yet.

Why is standard English important?

Maintaining a certain 'standard' of language is extremely important for schools, whether they're teaching English as a second language or teaching native speakers the more complex ins and outs of the language.

Standard English provides consistency across the curriculum and across children's learning. Imagine you're taught one SPaG rule by one teacher, and then another teacher tells you something completely different. Not only would this be frustrating, but it would also be confusing too. How would you know which one is correct when you're the pupil?

That's why the use of standard English is so important in schools. It ensures that children's learning will be consistent and that they can easily follow along with what they're learning. Ha



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NON-STANDARD ENGLISH

In contrast, non-Standard English is the opposite of Standard English. It is used in everyday life by anyone from a little kid to a 70 year old person with basic words that are common and easily understandable by the local community. Non-Standard English does not make use of complex terms and is sometimes missing the proper punctuation as well.

One major difference between Standard English and non-Standard English is that standard English does not have differences depending on the area or community it is spoken in and is used in the same way through the world. Whereas non-Standard English has word preferences depending on the area and the locals that it is spoken by.

Examples:

We lost the game and everyone was sad. (Non-Standard English)

Manchester United lost the game and the team was devastated. (Standard English)

Both these examples clearly show the differences in the formality of sentences. The non-standard English sentence is very informal and is used to convey news about lost game to someone close. Whereas, the Standard English sentence is more formal, contains complex terms and complete information about the lost game and the team's behavior.