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I can answer SPAG questions

Read each sentence first, then repeat with your own answer.

Write a **contraction** to replace the underlined words in each sentence below.

a) I will ask her to phone you later.

_____ ask her to phone you later.?

b) Oliver could not eat another bite of his dinner.

Oliver _____ eat another bite of his dinner

c) You are really going to enjoy the movie.

_____ really going to enjoy the movie.

d) You should not run in the corridor.

You _____ run in the corridor.

e) I do not think that is the correct answer.

I _____ think that is the correct answer.

f) Where is the remote control for the TV?

_____ the remote control for the TV?

g) I have never seen that skateboard move before

_____ never seen that skateboard move before

h) We did not go shopping this afternoon.

We _____ go shopping this afternoon.

i) She could not understand the meaning of the poem.

.....not understand the meaning of the poem

j) We have plenty of good restaurants here.

..... plenty of good restaurants here.

k) I can't believe that you have been here before.

I can't believe that youhere before.

l) He said that were not allowed to go in yet.

He said that allowed to go in yet.

m) Who is that over there?

..... that over there?

n) They said they had only got one left.

They saidonly got one left.

o) We are all going to Disneyland.

..... all going to Disneyland.

p) She said there had been an accident.

She saidbeen an accident.

q) I will wash the dishes after we have eaten.

.....wash the dishes after we have eaten.

STANDARD ENGLISH

The grammar used in some dialects is different from the grammar of Standard English. It isn't wrong, just different. When you talk, especially when you talk to your friends, you use lots of expressions which are not Standard English. This is fine, but when you write, it's important to know what the Standard English grammar is. All the expressions below use non-Standard English. **Look at these dialect expressions and see if you can give the Standard English equivalent.**

- Where be he to?
- We was blue with cold.
- He'll be home while four o'clock.
- I were mad with him, I were.
- When I gets in I likes a nice cup of tea.
- I never done it.
- Me and my mate we sees him everyday.
- I likes them chocolate cakes.
- That's the man what I saw.
- He gets hiself mad.

Normally we would not use dialect expressions in writing. We would use Standard English, but some writers like to use dialect expressions in dialogue, when characters are talking to each other.

Reflection:

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- Write down one thing that you have learnt today that you didn't know before.