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YEARS 7 TO 9 · ENGLISH · GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Grammar and vocabulary

Standard English and when not to use it, grammar that changes meaning, and working a word out from its sentence.

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Grammar that changes meaning

Quote from the extract wherever a question asks you to.



1. **Explain the difference in meaning between the active and the passive here: The council closed the road. The road was closed.**
   Ask who you can hold responsible in each.

2. **Put a subordinate clause at the start of a sentence and then at the end, and say what moves.**
   Whatever comes last tends to carry the weight.

3. **Rewrite as one sentence without losing anything: It rained. The match was cancelled. Everybody had already arrived.**
   Decide which fact matters most, because that one takes the main clause.

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Vocabulary, and where new words come from

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1. **Antony uses interred. Work out what it means from the line it sits in, then say which word inside it helped you.**
   The good is oft interred with their bones. Look at what happens to bones.

2. **Macbeth says palpable. Give its meaning and one modern sentence using it correctly.**
   He is asking whether he could touch the dagger.

3. **Collect five words from your own reading this week, with the sentence each came in, and use each in a sentence of your own.**
   A word learned without its sentence is a word you will use wrongly once.

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How each one is answered

Quotations can be marked exactly. For the writing tasks, mark against what the answer has to contain.



STANDARD ENGLISH, AND WHEN IT IS THE WRONG CHOICE

1. Rewrite in Standard English: We was going to the shops and we never saw nobody.

1. We was becomes we were, because were is the plural form.
2. Never saw nobody is a double negative; in Standard English one negative does the work.
3. So: We were going to the shops and we saw nobody.

Answer: **We were going to the shops and we saw nobody.**

2. Rewrite in Standard English: He done it quicker than what I did.

1. Done is the past participle; the past tense is did.
2. Than what I did should be than I did.
3. So: He did it more quickly than I did.

Answer: **He did it more quickly than I did.**

3. Give one situation where speaking in a local dialect is the better choice, and say why.

1. Standard English is what strangers can all read, so it suits writing and formal speech.
2. With family or friends who share a dialect, the dialect carries belonging that Standard English does not.
3. The skill is choosing, which is what the framework means by using Standard English confidently in a range of contexts.

Answer: **the pupil's own answer, naming a context where belonging matters more than reach**

GRAMMAR THAT CHANGES MEANING

1. Explain the difference in meaning between the active and the passive here: The council closed the road. The road was closed.

1. The active names the council as the one who acted.
2. The passive can leave the actor out altogether.
3. So the passive hides responsibility, which is why official notices are full of it.

Answer: **The active names who acted; the passive can leave them out, so responsibility disappears**

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