



Standard English and Spoken Expression



When presenting your ideas verbally it is important to use Standard English and to express your ideas clearly and precisely.

- To ensure that you are using standard English avoid these common regional misunderstandings.

I have took the register

The correct expression is
'I have taken the register.'

I done that

The correct expression is **'I have done that.'** or
'I did that.'

I seen that

The correct expression is **'I have seen that.'** or
'I saw that.'

Yous

The correct expression is **'You'**. This word is never plural.

I dunno

The correct expression is
'I don't know.'

I have wrote it in my book.

The correct expression is
'I have written it in my book.'

He was sat there

The correct expression is **'He was sitting there.'** *(When using 'am', 'are', 'was' or 'were', you need to use the verb forms 'sitting' and 'standing')*

I didn't get nowt

The correct expression is
'I didn't get anything.'

I could have ran for miles

The correct expression is
'I could have run for miles.'

I didn't go coz...

The correct expression is **'I didn't go because...'**

Can I lend a pen?

The correct expression is **'Can I borrow a pen?'**