12.3 Standard English Verb Forms: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

Sports Day at Marsh Lane

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On Friday morning, Year 4 walked down to the field for sports day. The sun was warm, and everyone wore a coloured team T-shirt.

First, the children ran in the sprint races. Aliyah ran so fast that she won her heat easily, and Tom came a close second. Everyone cheered loudly from the side of the track.

Next, Mr Dawson set up the relay race. Each team had to carry a baton and pass it to the next runner without dropping it. The green team dropped the baton once, but they still finished the race.

During the egg-and-spoon race, Priya walked carefully so that her egg did not fall off the spoon. She saw her friend Ben wobble near the finish line, but he kept his balance and crossed first.

At lunchtime, the classes had a picnic on the grass. Some parents brought sandwiches and fruit for everyone to share. By the end of the afternoon, every child had taken part in at least one race, and the head teacher gave out medals to the winning team.

1 Tick the sentence in each pair that uses the Standard English verb form.

(a) **(1)**

- ☐ A) They was cheering for their team.
- ☐ B) They were cheering for their team.

(b) **(1)**

- ☐ A) I done my best in the race.
- ☐ B) I did my best in the race.

(c) **(1)**

- ☐ A) She seen the finish line ahead.
- ☐ B) She saw the finish line ahead.

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(d) **(1)**

- [ ] A) He gone home before the picnic.
- [ ] B) He went home before the picnic.

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2 Underline the non-standard (incorrect) verb form in each sentence below.

(a) The children was excited about sports day. **(1)**

(b) We should of practised before the race. **(1)**

(c) He don't like running in the heat. **(1)**

(d) The dog runned into the garden during the race. **(1)**

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3 Read the first two paragraphs of the passage above, down to '...from the side of the track.' Find and copy two different Standard English past tense verb forms from that part of the text.

(a) First verb form: **(1)**

(b) Second verb form (different from your first answer): **(1)**

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4 Each sentence below contains a double negative, which is not Standard English. Rewrite each sentence so that it makes sense with only one negative word.

(a) I haven't got no more stickers for the winners. **(1)**

(b) We didn't see nobody at the finish line. **(1)**

5 The recount below contains three non-standard verb forms. Find the three mistakes and write the passage out correctly.

On Saturday, Year 4 done a practice for sports day. We was very tired by the end, but everyone had a great time. I seen my best friend win the sprint race, and I was really proud of her.

(3)

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Question 1

(a) B ticked cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **B) They were cheering for their team.**

(b) B ticked cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) I did my best in the race.**

(c) B ticked cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **B) She saw the finish line ahead.**

(d) B ticked cao — **B1**

(d) Answer: **B) He went home before the picnic.**

Question 2

(a) 'was' underlined cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **was**

(b) 'should of' underlined cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **should of**

(c) 'don't' underlined cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **don't**

(d) 'runned' underlined cao — **B1**

(d) Answer: **runned**

Question 3

(a) any one correct past tense verb from the given part of the text (oe): walked, was, wore, ran, won, came or cheered — **B1**

(a) Answer: **e.g. walked**

(b) a different correct past tense verb from the same list (oe) — **B1**

(b) Answer: **e.g. won**

Question 4

(a) writes 'I haven't got any more stickers for the winners.' (oe, any version with a single negative) — **B1**

(a) Answer: **I haven't got any more stickers for the winners.**

(b) writes 'We didn't see anybody at the finish line.' (oe, any version with a single negative) — **B1**

(b) Answer: **We didn't see anybody at the finish line.**

Question 5

corrects 'done' to 'did' cao — **B1**

corrects 'We was' to 'We were' cao — **B1**

corrects 'seen' to 'saw' cao — **B1**

Answer: **On Saturday, Year 4 did a practice for sports day. We were very tired by the end, but everyone had a great time. I saw my best friend win the sprint race, and I was really proud of her.**

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