

Standard English Verb Inflections



Inflections

An inflection is a change in the form of a word to show a grammatical function such as a change in tense.

Often an inflection is the change in the ending of a word.

Example: kicked is an inflection of kick

Some words change completely when inflected.

Standard English

Sometimes when you speak you may use the locally-spoken/ non-standard forms of verb inflections.

However, when you are writing down the verb inflections you should always use standard English.

Standard English is often considered the 'correct' form of English, because it is grammatically correct and does not use any slang. Standard English is used in formal situations, by public officials, and traditionally by the media.



Examples

Locally-spoken/non standard	Standard English
we was	we were
I done	I did



We were watching a video last night.