

Varied Fluency

Step 1: 'Were' or 'Was' and 'Did' or 'Done'

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G7.1) [Standard English forms for verb inflections instead of local spoken forms \[for example, we were instead of we was, or I did instead of I done\]](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support using *was*, *were*, *did* and *done* within simple sentences.

Expected Questions to support using *was*, *were*, *did* and *done* within sentences of varying length. Words are taken from the Year 3 and Year 4 spelling lists.

Greater Depth Questions to support using *was*, *were*, *did* and *done* within multi-clause sentences. Some words taken from the year 5 spelling list and sentences may use multiple examples of each verb.

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1a. Underline the correct form of the verb in the sentence below.

Mum did/done the washing on a Saturday morning.



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1b. Underline the correct form of the verb in the sentence below.

The puppies were/was running around the room.



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2a. True or false? The sentence below is written in Standard English.

I done my homework the same day that I got it.



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2b. True or false? The sentence below is written in Standard English.

Dave's brothers were coming home after the party.



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3a. Complete the sentence below with the correct past tense form of the verb 'to be'.

Jonny _____ very interested in the film about kite flying.



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3b. Complete the sentence below with the correct past tense form of the verb 'to be'.

Ellie and Imogen _____ going on holiday to France.



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4a. Sort the sentences below into the correct columns. One has been done for you.

- A. Bert was very busy.
- B. The bus were on time.
- C. She done a big yawn.
- D. It were going to be so much fun.
- E. Hal and Sid were brothers.

Standard English	Non-Standard English
A	



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4b. Sort the sentences below into the correct columns. One has been done for you.

- A. Tad done his jobs.
- B. The boy was taller than me.
- C. Cath was Arthur's best friend.
- D. It were Philip's birthday money.
- E. We were sad to be leaving.

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5a. Underline the correct form of the verbs in the passage below.

The little girl didn't know what she had did/done when she accidentally started the fire. The firemen was/were very brave and rescued her from the house.



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5b. Underline the correct form of the verbs in the passage below.

Fran put down her pencil when she had did/done all the questions and she was certain that she were/was the first to finish.



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6a. True or false? The sentence below is written in Standard English.

After lunch, Susan were going to complete the painting that she had started earlier.



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6b. True or false? The sentence below is written in Standard English.

Even though it was only February, the woman had done all of her summer holiday planning.



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7a. Complete the sentence below with the correct past tense form of the verbs 'to be' or 'to do'.

Even though I _____ scared of heights, I decided that I _____ want to go on the biggest rollercoaster.



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7b. Complete the sentence below with the correct past tense form of the verbs 'to be' or 'to do'.

The girls _____ looking forward to the weekend because they _____ having eight friends over for a party.



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8a. Sort the sentences below into the correct columns.

- A. He done well in the maths test.
- B. Lisa were really miserable about it.
- C. On Monday, Finn did a dance.
- D. They was not going to make it on time.
- E. The teams were doing very well.

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8b. Sort the sentences below into the correct columns.

- A. I were feeling peculiar that day.
- B. I did not like the potatoes.
- C. They was famous at last!
- D. Terry did extreme sports for fun.
- E. It were too early for loud music.

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9a. Underline the correct form of the verbs in the passage below.

Even though it were/was old, the computer system at school did/done everything that the children needed so there was/were no need to buy a new one.



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10a. True or false? The sentence below is written in Standard English.

The grammar programme, Grammar for All, that Chris had done the year before were incredibly useful when he began writing his novel.



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11a. Complete the passage below using the past tense of 'to be' and 'to do'.

There was a lot to be _____ before the family could leave for their Christmas holiday. So much shopping _____ still necessary and Dad wondered if they _____ ever going to make it!



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11b. Complete the passage below using the past tense of 'to be' and 'to do'.

All the work was _____ by children who _____ trained by their parents to work with the material. My favourite kite _____ a red, gold and blue one which we bought once it _____ finished.

12a. Sort the sentences below into Standard and non-Standard English.

- A. Ron done a terrible thing and he felt very bad about it.
- B. The huge, weary dog was sleeping peacefully by the fire.
- C. It were important, the teacher said, that the poems should rhyme.
- D. The queue for the hotdog stand was as long as the street, but they were worth waiting for!
- E. They said I done very well to find such a bargain in the expensive shoe shop.



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12b. Sort the sentences below into Standard and non-Standard English.

- A. The woman was excited about the opening of the new leisure centre where they were meeting up later.
- B. "I done it!" shouted the man as he completed the marathon.
- C. The girls were above average height and towered over some of the boys.
- D. I was going to ride my bike so I made sure my safety checks were done.
- E. There was no good explanation given for the mistake.



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Developing

- 1a. **did**
- 2a. **False; the sentence should use 'did'.**
- 3a. **was**
- 4a. **Standard English: A, E**
Non-Standard English: B, C, D

Expected

- 5a. **done, were**
- 6a. **False; the sentence should use 'was'.**
- 7a. **was; did**
- 8a. **Standard English: C, E**
Non-Standard English: A, B, D

Greater Depth

- 9a. **was, did, was**
- 10a. **False; the sentence should use 'was'.**
- 11a. **done, was, were**
- 12a. **Standard English: B, D**
Non-standard English: A, C, E

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Developing

- 1b. **were**
- 2b. **True**
- 3b. **were**
- 4b. **Standard English: B, C, E**
Non-Standard English: A, D

Expected

- 5b. **done, was**
- 6b. **True**
- 7b. **were; were**
- 8b. **Standard English: B, D**
Non-Standard English: A, C, E

Greater Depth

- 9b. **was, were, did**
- 10b. **False; the sentence should use 'was'.**
- 11b. **done, were, was, was**
- 12b. **Standard English: A, C, D, E**
Non-Standard English: B