

CONFUSING WORDS WORKSHEET #8

Standard English is language that would be judged correct by people in all situations.

Non-standard English is language that is not generally accepted by all people in all situations. The following words reflect standard usage.

bust(ed)	is not a verb (action). Use the words <i>break</i> or <i>burst</i> .
irregardless	is not a word; the correct word is <i>regardless</i> .
orientate	is not a word; <i>orient</i> is usually what is meant.
supposed	is used instead of <i>suppose</i> when followed by the word <i>to</i> .
used	is used instead of <i>use</i> when followed by the word <i>to</i> .

EXERCISE

Underline each example of nonstandard usage in the following sentences. Use the correct word or expression in the blank. If the sentence is correct, write *correct* in the blank.

1. Irregardless of your situation, no late work will be accepted. _____
2. Take a moment to orientate yourself in this new building. _____
3. I was supposed to pick up the dry cleaning on my way home. _____
4. Mike had to walk to school because his truck is busted. _____
5. My cousin use to live in your neighborhood. _____
6. Tomorrow you will need to use the bus to get to work. _____
7. I suppose you want me to cook dinner for you. _____