Grammar: Standard and Non-Standard English

Standard English is the formal type of writing that you should use in your written work. It helps make your writing clearer.

Standard English →	We **are** the best team.	I **haven't** seen him.
Non-Standard English →	We is the best team.	I ain't seen him.

A. Tick the sentences in standard English

He were an amazing player.	I will played sport later.
I am going cycling today.	That are an awful story
Last week, I run five miles.	That are an awful story.
Have you finished your diner	I eat two muffins yesterday.
You are very tall, Mr Grew.	I am building a spaceship.

B. Cross out the incorrect options in the brackets so that these sentences are in Standard English

1. I (saw/seen) my grandparents earlier when they (came/come) over.
2. You should (have/of) asked before you (done/did) it without me.
3. I would (have/of) asked Simon, but he (gone/went) home.
4. Sian (come/came) downstairs because she had (done/did) her homework.
5. We might (have/of) left the pencils where we (done/did) the drawing.
6. Tony must (have/of) (gone/went) on another special mission.

Answers:

A. Tick the sentences in standard English

He were an amazing player.	I will played sport later.
I am going cycling today. ✓	That are an awful story
Last week, I run five miles.	We are listening to music. ✓
Have you finished your dinner? ✓	I eat two muffins yesterday.
You are very tall, Mr Grew. ✓	I am building a spaceship. ✓

B. Cross out the incorrect options in the brackets so that these sentences are in Standard English

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