

AAE Pop Quiz

1. Many people have argued that “Juneteenth” should be a national holiday. When is Juneteenth, and what does it celebrate?

2. What’s the next line of this song: “Lift every voice and sing ...”

3. What is “reading” and why does it help to have receipts?

4. What is “the kitchen”, and where is it?

5. What is “the talk”?

6. Translate these sentences to MAE:

- a. Obama be steady grinding.

- b. Mrs. Marple *been* sung in that classroom.

- c. She come telling me to wash the dishes.

7. Translate these sentences to AAVE:

- a. She’s had that dress for a really long time.

- b. I asked Boots if he knows how to play basketball.

- c. He’s going to go to the store.

8. Put a check mark by all the following sentences that are grammatical in AAVE.

- a. ☐ I don't know what he be doing right now.
- b. ☐ When we play basketball, she be on my team.
- c. ☐ She be my sister.
- d. ☐ She house is around the corner.
- e. ☐ That bus be late, but it's on time today.
- f. ☐ They house is down the block.
- g. ☐ Today, he actin' silly.
- h. ☐ Yesterday, he actin' silly.
- i. ☐ I no fool.
- j. ☐ Before you know it, he be done aced the tests.
- k. ☐ Ain't nobody think the way we does.
- l. ☐ Then I had went outside.
- m. ☐ I didn't thought I could do that.
- n. ☐ I ain't thought I could do that.
- o. ☐ I ain't think I could do that.
- p. ☐ If he was a woman, he will be pretty.
- q. ☐ She calls herself dancing.
- r. ☐ There's a unicorn in the garden.
- s. ☐ It's a unicorn in the garden.
- t. ☐ They's a unicorn in the garden.
- u. ☐ Do rain, don't it?
- v. ☐ Yesterday I run fast.
- w. ☐ We put us names on us paper.
- x. ☐ We're just after eating.