

Standard Dialect and Non-standard Dialect

A 'standard dialect', also known as a standardized dialect or 'standard language', is a dialect that is supported by institutions. Such institutional support may include government recognition or designation, presentation as being the 'correct' form of a language in schools, published grammars, dictionaries, and textbooks. A standard dialect is extensively used in formal literature. There may be multiple standard dialects associated with a single language. For example, Standard American English, Standard British English, Standard Canadian English, Standard Indian English, Standard Australian English, and Standard Philippine English may all be said to be standard dialects of the English language.

A non-standard dialect, like a standard dialect, has a complete vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. But it is usually not the beneficiary of institutional support. Examples of a nonstandard English dialect are Southern American English, Western Australian English, Scouse and Tyke.