

Homework exercises on the AAE verbal system
Due Monday November 21

A. Fill in the blanks: write in the appropriate AAE verb forms that correspond to the SAE verb forms in the matching SAE sentences above:

Past perfect:

SAE: At the end of that meal I was stuffed. I had eaten more than I could hold.

AAE: At the end of that meal I was stuffed. I _____ more than I could hold.

Present perfect:

SAE: I'm stuffed. I've eaten more than I can hold.

AAE: I'm stuffed. I _____ more than I can hold.

Present perfect with tag question:

SAE: I'm stuffed. I've eaten more than I can hold, haven't I?

AAE: I'm stuffed. I _____ more than I can hold, _____?

Present perfect in the negative

SAE: I haven't eaten too much.

AAE: I _____ too much.

Past tense

SAE: Last year at Thanksgiving I stuffed myself. I ate too much.

AAE: Last year at Thanksgiving I _____ myself. I _____ too much.

Past tense

SAE: Last year at Thanksgiving I didn't stuff myself. I didn't eat a lot.

AAE: Last year at Thanksgiving I _____ myself. I _____ a lot.

Past Progressive

SAE: She was talking to her sister last night.

AAE: She _____ to her sister last night.

Present Progressive:

SAE: She's on the phone—she's talking to her sister.

AAE: She on the phone—she _____ to her sister.

B. Fill in an SAE sentence that is a paraphrase of the AAE sentence. It must carry the same meaning but won't necessarily have identical words to convey it.

AAE: She be talking to her sister on the phone after supper.

SAE:

AAE: She BIN talking to her sister.

SAE

AAE: She been talking to her sister

SAE:

AAE: They be done gone to school by then.

SAE: