

STANDARD AE VERSUS AAVE

African American Vernacular English (AAVE) *presents alternative forms in the complete grammatical system of American Standard English. A piece of evidence would be the different uses of the pronouns, articles, prepositions, and so on. Besides, the loss of final consonants has great consequences in grammar, as a great number of affixes disappear, e.g. in verbal tenses, possessives and plurals. In this sense, AAVE is a non-redundant variety that develops the Standard English simplifying trend along history. Throughout those variations, this ethnic group states its identity. Here you have some examples of standard American English vs. African American Vernacular English. Describe the main difference for each case:*

<i>Standard AE</i>	<i>AAVE</i>	<i>Relevant Difference</i>
1. Nice [nays]	[na:s]	
2. tin, ten [tɪn], [tɛn]	[tɪ↓n], [tɛ↓n]	
3. death [dɛθ]	[dɛf]	
4. door [dɔr]	[dɔ↑]	
5. He lost a friend. [hi (lost) ^ frɛnd]	[hi los ^ frɪ↓n]	
6. Hit him in the head!	Hit him upside the head!	
7. He doesn't know anything.	He don't know nothing .	
8. He walk(ed) home.	He walk home.	
9. I'm (going to) take a walk.	I'm take a walk.	
10. You('re) in a lot of trouble.	You in a lot of trouble.	

