



Literal vs. Nonliteral Meanings

Today's Standard

3.L.5a - Distinguish the literal and nonliteral meanings of words and phrases in context (e.g., take steps).

Cues	Notes
Literal Meaning	Literal meaning: The exact, dictionary definition of a word or phrase.
Nonliteral Meaning	Nonliteral meaning: A meaning that is different from the exact, dictionary definition, often figurative or symbolic.
Context Clues	Context clues: Hints or information provided within a sentence or passage that help clarify the meaning of a word or phrase.
Idioms	
Figurative Language	Idioms: Phrases where the meaning is not deducible from the literal words (e.g., 'break the ice'). Figurative language: Language that uses words or expressions with meanings different from the literal interpretation.

Summary

Understanding the difference between literal and nonliteral meanings helps in interpreting figurative language and enhances reading comprehension.