Understanding Shades of Meaning

Today's Standard

3.L.5c - Distinguish shades of meaning among related words that describe states of mind or degrees of certainty (e.g., knew, believed, suspected, heard, wondered).

Cues	Notes
What are shades of meaning?	Shades of meaning refer to the subtle differences between similar words.
Why are synonyms not always interchangeable?	Synonyms can have different connotations and are used in different contexts, so they are not always interchangeable.
How do context clues help in understanding word meanings?	Context clues help determine the most appropriate word to use based on the situation.
What are some examples of words with subtle differences in meaning?	Examples: 'knew' vs. 'believed', 'suspected' vs. 'wondered'. Each word carries a different degree of certainty or state of mind.

Summary

Understanding shades of meaning involves recognizing the subtle differences between synonyms and using context clues to determine the most appropriate word.