



Using Reference Materials

Today's Standard

8.L.4c - Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

Cues	Notes
Reference materials	Reference materials help us find word meanings, pronunciations, and parts of speech.
Dictionaries	Dictionaries provide definitions, pronunciations, and usage examples.
Glossaries	Glossaries offer definitions of terms specific to a subject.
Thesauruses	Thesauruses list synonyms and antonyms.
Digital vs. print	Both print and digital reference materials are useful; cross-referencing is important.
Parts of speech	Understanding parts of speech is crucial for using words correctly.

Summary

Using various reference materials is essential for understanding and accurately using language. Dictionaries, glossaries, and thesauruses, both print and digital, provide valuable information about word meanings, pronunciations, and parts of speech.