



Analyzing Word Choices in Literature

Today's Standard

8.RL.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

Cues	Notes
What is figurative language?	Figurative language includes metaphors, similes, personification, etc.
How do word choices affect tone?	Word choices can change the tone of a text from serious to humorous.
What are connotative meanings?	Connotative meanings are the emotions or associations a word carries beyond its literal meaning.
Examples of analogies and allusions	Analogies compare two things to clarify or explain, while allusions reference other texts or events.
Why is word choice important?	Word choice is important because it shapes the reader's understanding and emotional response.

Summary

Understanding figurative and connotative meanings helps in analyzing how word choices impact the tone and meaning of a text. This skill is essential for deeper comprehension and critical analysis of literature.