



Using Reference Materials

Today's Standard

9-10.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, its part of speech, or its etymology.

Cues	Notes
What are reference materials?	Reference materials include dictionaries, glossaries, and thesauruses.
Why use a dictionary?	Dictionaries help find word meanings, pronunciations, parts of speech, and etymology.
How to find word pronunciation?	Pronunciation can be found in the phonetic spelling section of a dictionary.
What is etymology?	Etymology is the study of the origin of words and how their meanings have changed over time.
Types of dictionaries	Different dictionaries offer various features: general, specialized, print, and digital.

Summary

Understanding how to use reference materials like dictionaries and thesauruses is crucial for improving vocabulary and comprehension. Students should learn to find word meanings, pronunciations, parts of speech, and etymology through these resources.