



## Verifying Word Meanings

### Today's Standard

9-10.L.4d - Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

Cues	Notes
What is context?	Context refers to the words and sentences surrounding a word that help determine its meaning.
How to use a dictionary?	A dictionary provides definitions, pronunciations, and examples of how a word is used.
Why verify word meanings?	Verifying word meanings ensures accurate understanding and improves reading comprehension.
Common misconceptions	Misconception: First inferred meaning is always correct. Reality: Multiple sources should be checked.  Misconception: Dictionary definitions are always the best fit. Reality: Context and connotations matter.

### Summary

Understanding and verifying the meanings of words using context clues and dictionaries is essential for accurate reading comprehension and vocabulary development. Common misconceptions include over-reliance on initial inferences and dictionary definitions without considering context.