

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Language Usage Conventions

## Today's Standard

11-12.L.1a - Apply the understanding that usage is a matter of convention, can change over time, and is sometimes contested.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing historical texts to see how language usage has evolved.; Debating the appropriateness of certain grammar rules in modern writing.; Examining social media trends and their impact on language.

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned that language rules can change over time and sometimes people don't agree on them. Understanding this helps us use language better.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids think language rules never change, but that's not true. Also, they might think there's always a right way to use language, but it depends on the situation.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a language rule?
- Can language rules change?
- Why do language rules change?
- Is there always a right way to use language?
- Can you give an example of a language rule?

## Help Me

Language rules help us know how to use words correctly. But these rules can change, like how we talk differently on social media than in a school essay. By learning this, we can use language better in different situations.