

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Resolving Usage Issues

### Today's Standard

11-12.L.1b - Resolve issues of complex or contested usage, consulting references (e.g., Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of English Usage, Garner's Modern American Usage) as needed.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Editing academic papers for proper usage; Writing professional emails with accurate language; Creating content for websites or blogs with correct usage; Preparing speeches or presentations with precise language; Analyzing literary texts for language accuracy

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to solve problems with tricky words and phrases by looking them up in special books like dictionaries.

### **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Kids might think there's only one right way to use a word, but words can be used in different ways. They might also think one book is enough, but it's good to check a few books.

### Quiz Me

- What do we use to check tricky words?
- Can words be used in different ways?
- Why should we check more than one book?
- What is a dictionary?
- What is another book we can use besides a dictionary?

## Help Me

We use special books to make sure we use words the right way. This helps us write and talk better, like when we send emails or give a speech.