



Understanding Complex Vocabulary

Today's Standard

11-12.L.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grades 11-12 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues to determine word meanings in literature; Employing reference materials for word clarification; Analyzing word roots and affixes to infer meanings; Engaging in discussions to explore multiple meanings of words

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to figure out the meaning of tricky words using clues from the story and other strategies.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Kids might think the first dictionary meaning is always right, but it's not. They also might think clues in the text are always easy to find, but sometimes they are tricky.

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- How can you find out what a tricky word means?
- What are word roots?
- Why is knowing words important?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?

Help Me

When you read, you can use clues from the story to figure out what tricky words mean. This helps you understand the story better. For example, if you read a word you don't know, look at the other words around it to help you guess what it means.