



Context Clues for Word Meaning

Today's Standard

11-12.L.4a - Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence, paragraph, or text; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context to understand unfamiliar words in a novel.; Deciphering the meaning of technical terms in a scientific article.; Interpreting the meaning of words in historical documents.; Understanding slang or idiomatic expressions in conversations.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use clues in a sentence or paragraph to understand what a new word means. This helps us understand what we read better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that clues are only in the sentences right next to the new word. They also might think that these clues always tell exactly what the word means. But clues can be anywhere in the paragraph, and they often just give us hints.

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- Can clues be found in other sentences?
- Do clues always tell us exactly what a word means?
- Why are context clues important?
- Can you give an example of a context clue?

Help Me

When we read, sometimes we find words we don't know. We can look at other words and sentences around the new word to guess what it means. This helps us understand the story or information better.