



Using reference materials for word understanding

Today's Standard

11-12.L.4c - Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, its etymology, or its standard usage.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using an online dictionary to find the pronunciation of a new word.; Consulting a thesaurus to find synonyms and improve writing.; Looking up the etymology of a word to understand its history and development.; Using a glossary to understand specialized terminology in a specific subject.; Checking a dictionary for the correct part of speech to use in a sentence.

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to use dictionaries and other books to find out what words mean, how to say them, and where they come from.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think all dictionaries are the same, but they are not. Also, they might think computer dictionaries are always better than books, but both are good in different ways.

Quiz Me

- What can you find in a dictionary?
- What is a thesaurus used for?
- How do you find out where a word comes from?
- Are all dictionaries the same?
- Which is better, a book dictionary or a computer dictionary?

Help Me

When you need to know what a word means or how to use it, you can look it up in a dictionary or on the computer. This helps you understand and use words better in your writing and speaking.

