

# **Understanding Figurative Language**

## Today's Standard

11-12.L.5 - Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing metaphors and similes in poetry; Interpreting idioms in everyday conversation; Deciphering wordplay in literary texts; Understanding puns in advertisements; Exploring connotations in political speeches

#### Today I Learned

Today we learned about figurative language, which is when words mean something different from their usual meaning. We also talked about how words can be related in many ways and how small differences in word meanings matter.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids might think that figurative language always means exactly what it says, but it often means something different. Others might think that word relationships are just about words that mean the same or the opposite, but there are many other ways words can be related.

### Quiz Me

- What is figurative language?
- Can you give me an example of figurative language?
- How can words be related to each other?
- What is a synonym?
- What is an antonym?

## Help Me

Figurative language is used in many places like books and ads to make things more interesting. Understanding how words can be related and their small differences helps us understand what people really mean.