



## Nuances in Word Meanings

### Today's Standard

11-12.L.5b - Analyze nuances in the meaning of words with similar denotations.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Interpreting literature and poetry; Legal document analysis; Effective communication in professional settings; Understanding and creating persuasive arguments; Analyzing political speeches

### Today I Learned

Today we learned how to understand the small differences between words that mean almost the same thing.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that words that mean almost the same thing can be used the same way, but this isn't true. Another mistake is thinking these small differences don't matter, but they really do.

### Quiz Me

- What does 'denotation' mean?
- What does 'connotation' mean?
- Can words that mean almost the same thing be used the same way?
- Why do small differences in word meanings matter?
- Can you give an example of two words that mean almost the same thing but are different?

### Help Me

Understanding small differences in word meanings helps us talk and write more clearly. For example, choosing the right word can make a big difference in a story or a letter.