



Analyzing Key Terms in Texts

Today's Standard

11-12.RI.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing political speeches for key terms; Understanding technical jargon in scientific articles; Interpreting figurative language in literary essays; Evaluating the use of connotative language in advertisements

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to understand the meanings of words in a text. Sometimes, words mean more than what they say, like in stories or science books.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think words always mean the same thing, but they can change. Also, words can be tricky and mean something different than what they say.

Quiz Me

- What does 'figurative' mean?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?
- What is a 'connotative' meaning?
- Do words always mean the same thing?
- Why do authors use different words?

Help Me

Understanding words in different ways helps us read better. For example, in a story, 'heart' might mean love, not just the thing that pumps blood.