



Summarizing Complex Texts

Today's Standard

11-12.RST.2 - Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; summarize complex concepts, processes, or information presented in a text by paraphrasing them in simpler but still accurate terms.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Summarizing research articles; Distilling technical manuals; Paraphrasing scientific reports; Explaining engineering processes

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main ideas in a text and explain them in simpler words. This helps us understand and share complex information better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think summarizing means copying exactly what the text says, but it really means using their own words. They might also think summarizing loses important details, but it should keep the key points.

Quiz Me

- What does summarizing mean?
- Why is it important to summarize?
- What should you keep in a summary?
- What is paraphrasing?
- Can you copy text when summarizing?

Help Me

Summarizing helps us explain complicated things in a way that's easy to understand. For example, if you read about how a car engine works, you can tell someone the main points without all the details.