

Parent Guide to the Standards

Effective Conversational Skills

Today's Standard

11-12.SL.1c - Propel conversations by posing and responding to questions that probe reasoning and evidence; ensure a hearing for a full range of positions on a topic or issue; clarify, verify, or challenge ideas and conclusions; and promote divergent and creative perspectives.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Classroom debates on current events; Group discussions on literary themes; Peer review sessions; Panel discussions on controversial topics; Collaborative project planning; Societal issue forums

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to have good conversations by asking questions and listening to others. We also learned how to talk about different ideas and think of new ones.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they only need to talk about their own ideas. But it's important to listen to others too. Another problem is thinking that disagreeing is mean. It's okay to disagree if you do it nicely and with good reasons.

Quiz Me

- What should you do when someone else is talking?
- Why is it good to ask questions?
- Is it okay to have different ideas?
- How can you show you are listening?
- What should you do if you disagree with someone?

Help Me

When talking to others, ask questions to understand them better. Listen carefully and think about what they say. It's good to have different ideas and talk about them nicely. This helps us learn and think of new things.