



Effective Use of Language in Writing

Today's Standard

11-12.WHST.2d - Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic; convey a knowledgeable stance in a style that responds to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing scientific research papers; Creating historical analysis essays; Developing technical manuals; Crafting persuasive speeches; Producing instructional guides

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to use precise language and special words to write clearly about difficult topics. I also learned how to use comparisons like metaphors and similes to make my writing better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think using big words is always better, but that's not true. It's more important to be clear. Also, kids might think that comparisons like metaphors are only for stories, but they can be used in science and history writing too.

Quiz Me

- What is a metaphor?
- Why is it important to use clear words?
- Can you use special words in science writing?
- What is a simile?
- Why should you think about who will read your writing?

Help Me

Using clear and special words helps people understand what you are writing about, even if it's a hard topic. For example, scientists use special words to explain their ideas clearly. Using comparisons like metaphors can also help make difficult ideas easier to understand.

