



Verb and Adjective Shades of Meaning

Today's Standard

1.L.5d - Distinguish shades of meaning among verbs differing in manner (e.g., look, peek, glance, stare, glare, scowl) and adjectives differing in intensity (e.g., large, gigantic) by defining or choosing them or by acting out the meanings.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Role-playing different verbs and adjectives in a classroom skit.; Using picture cards to match verbs and adjectives with their meanings.; Creating a word wall with synonyms and their differing intensities.; Writing short stories using a variety of verbs and adjectives.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to tell the difference between words that seem similar but have different meanings. For example, 'look' and 'stare' both mean to see, but 'stare' means to look for a long time.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think that words like 'look' and 'stare' mean the same thing, but they don't. Also, 'big' and 'gigantic' are not the same. 'Gigantic' is much bigger than 'big.'

Quiz Me

- What is a verb?
- What is an adjective?
- Can 'look' and 'stare' be used the same way?
- What is bigger: 'big' or 'gigantic'?
- Why is it important to know the difference between similar words?

Help Me

When we know the differences between words like 'look' and 'stare,' we can tell people exactly what we mean. For example, if you 'glare' at someone, it means you are looking at them in an angry way, which is different from just 'looking.'

