

Author's Reasons

Today's Standard

1.RI.8 - Identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Discussing why a character in a story made a certain decision.; Explaining why certain rules exist in a classroom or at home.; Identifying reasons given in a simple news article or a children's magazine.; Understanding advertisements and the reasons they give for buying a product.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find reasons an author gives to support points in a text. This helps us understand why the author thinks something is important.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that any detail in the text is a reason for the main idea, but that's not always true. Another problem is thinking that personal opinions or unrelated facts are reasons, but they need to be directly related to the author's main point.

Quiz Me

- What is the main point of this story?
- Can you tell me one reason the author gives to support the main point?
- Why do you think the author included this detail?
- Is this reason related to the main idea?
- Can you find another reason in the text?

Help Me

Understanding reasons in a text helps us see why things happen or why someone thinks something is important. For example, in a story about why we should eat healthy foods, the author might say we need vitamins to grow strong. This helps us understand the importance of healthy eating in real life.