

Parent Guide to the Standards

Sensory and Emotional Words in Literature

Today's Standard

1.RL.4 - Identify words and phrases in stories or poems that suggest feelings or appeal to the senses.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Describing characters' feelings in a storybook; Identifying sensory words in a poem; Creating a sensory word wall in the classroom; Discussing how different words make us feel; Writing a short poem using sensory words

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about words in stories and poems that make us feel something or imagine how things look, sound, feel, taste, or smell.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think that only adjectives can be sensory words, but verbs and nouns can be too. Others think sensory words are always happy, but they can describe all kinds of feelings.

Quiz Me

- Can you name a word that describes how something looks?
- What word would you use to describe a happy feeling?
- Can you think of a word that tells us how something sounds?
- What word might describe a smell?
- Give me an example of a word that tells us how something feels.

Help Me

Words in stories and poems can help us imagine how things look, sound, feel, taste, or smell. For example, 'crunchy' makes us think of the sound of eating chips, and 'fragrance' makes us think of a nice smell. These words help make the story or poem more interesting and fun!