

Parent Guide to the Standards

Discussion Rules and Listening Skills

Today's Standard

1.SL.1a - Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Classroom discussions; Group projects; Storytime interactions; Family conversations; Playground negotiations

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about the rules for having good discussions. We talked about how to listen carefully and take turns when speaking.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think they can talk whenever they want, but it's important to wait for their turn. Others might think listening means just being quiet, but it actually means paying attention and thinking about what the speaker is saying.

Quiz Me

- What should you do when someone else is talking?
- What does it mean to take turns when speaking?
- How can you show that you are listening to someone?
- Why is it important to follow discussion rules?
- What can you use to know whose turn it is to speak?

Help Me

When we follow discussion rules, we make sure everyone gets a chance to talk and be heard. This is important not just in school, but also at home and with friends. By listening carefully and waiting for our turn, we show respect and make our conversations better.