



Context Clues for Word Meaning

Today's Standard

2.L.4a - Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Understanding unfamiliar words in a story by looking at the surrounding sentences.; Using context clues to figure out the meaning of new vocabulary in a textbook.; Deciphering the meaning of words in instructions or recipes.; Interpreting the meaning of words in a letter or email.

Today I Learned

Today we learned about using context clues to understand what words mean. Context clues are hints in a sentence that help us figure out new words.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think context clues give a direct definition of a word, but they usually just give hints. Another mistake is guessing a word's meaning without looking at the whole sentence.

Quiz Me

- What are context clues?
- How do context clues help us?
- Can you find a context clue in this sentence?
- What should you do if you don't know a word?
- Why is it important to use context clues?

Help Me

Context clues are hints in a sentence that help us understand new words. For example, if you read 'The sky was azure, a beautiful blue,' the word 'blue' helps us know that 'azure' means a kind of blue.