

Parent Guide to the Standards

Using Glossaries and Dictionaries

Today's Standard

2.L.4e - Use glossaries and beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Looking up unknown words in a storybook using a glossary.; Using an online dictionary to find the meaning of new vocabulary words.; Clarifying word meanings while reading a science textbook.; Finding synonyms and antonyms for writing assignments.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use glossaries and dictionaries to find out what words mean. This helps us understand what we read better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think glossaries and dictionaries are the same, but they are not. Glossaries are at the end of books and have words from that book. Dictionaries have lots of words and tell us what they mean. Kids might also think digital dictionaries aren't as good as books, but they are very helpful and always updated.

Quiz Me

- What is a glossary?
- Where can you find a glossary in a book?
- What does a dictionary do?
- Can you use a computer to look up words?
- Why is it good to use a dictionary?

Help Me

Using glossaries and dictionaries helps us understand new words. We can use them to look up words when we read stories or do homework. This makes us better readers and writers!