



Main Topic Identification

Today's Standard

2.RI.2 - Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Reading a science article and identifying the main topic; Summarizing the main idea of a historical text; Explaining the focus of paragraphs in a news article; Identifying the main topic in a book about animals; Discussing the main idea of a biography

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the main topic of a multiparagraph text and the focus of each paragraph. This helps us understand what we're reading better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think small details are the main topic or that the first sentence always tells the main topic. We need to read carefully to find the real main idea.

Quiz Me

- What is the main topic?
- How do you find the main topic?
- What is a paragraph?
- Why is the main topic important?
- Can the main topic be in the middle of a paragraph?

Help Me

The main topic is like the big idea of what you're reading. For example, if you're reading a book about dogs, the main topic might be 'dogs are great pets.' You can find the main topic by looking for ideas that come up again and again.