

Understanding Text Vocabulary

Today's Standard

2.RI.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues to understand new words in a science article.; Identifying the meaning of bolded terms in a history book.; Explaining the meaning of words in a recipe or instruction manual.; Determining the meaning of words in a nature guide.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to figure out the meaning of words in a text by looking at the other words around them. This helps us understand what we read better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think they need to look up every new word in a dictionary, but they can often figure out the meaning by looking at the other words in the sentence. Another mistake is thinking the first meaning they think of is always right. It's important to think about all the meanings and pick the one that makes the most sense.

Quiz Me

- What should you do if you find a new word?
- Can you guess the meaning of a word without a dictionary?
- Why is it important to know what words mean?
- What are context clues?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?

Help Me

When you read a book or an article and see a new word, look at the other words in the sentence to guess what it means. This helps you understand what you're reading without stopping to use a dictionary.