

Parent Guide to the

Supporting Reasons in Text

Today's Standard

2.RI.8 - Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying reasons in a storybook to support the main idea.; Discussing reasons in a news article that support the author's point.; Explaining reasons in an informational video that back up the presenter's claims.; Finding reasons in a science text that support a conclusion.; Analyzing reasons in a historical text that justify an event.

Today | Learned

Today, we learned about how reasons support the points an author makes in a text. This means we look for explanations that back up what the author is saying.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think any detail in the text is a supporting reason, or they might think the author's opinion is always a reason. It's important to know that reasons are specific explanations that back up the author's points.

Quiz Me

- What is a reason?
- Can you find a reason in this text?
- Why is it important to know reasons?
- What is the difference between a reason and an opinion?
- How do reasons help the author?

Help Me

When we read a text, we look for reasons that explain why the author says something. For example, if the author says 'Exercise is good for you,' they might give reasons like 'It keeps you healthy' and 'It makes you strong.' These reasons help us understand why the author thinks exercise is good.