

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Using Dictionaries for Correct Spelling

## Today's Standard

3.L.2g - Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Looking up words in a dictionary to check spelling in writing assignments.; Using online dictionaries to verify the correct spelling of new vocabulary words.; Checking spelling in homework assignments using a dictionary.; Using a dictionary to correct spelling errors in a story or essay.; Referring to a dictionary when writing letters or emails to ensure correct spelling.

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use dictionaries to check and correct spellings. This helps us write better and make sure our words are correct!

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids think all words are in a beginning dictionary, but that's not true. Also, finding the right spelling isn't enough; we need to understand what the word means too.

#### Quiz Me

- What do you use a dictionary for?
- How do you find words in a dictionary?
- Why is it important to check spellings?
- What do you do if a word isn't in your dictionary?
- Why should you read the definition of a word?

## Help Me

Using dictionaries helps us check and correct spellings. For example, if you're writing a story and you're not sure how to spell a word, you can look it up in a dictionary. This makes sure your story is easy to read and understand!