

Parent Guide to the Standards

Spoken vs. Written English Conventions

Today's Standard

3.L.3b - Recognize and observe differences between the conventions of spoken and written standard English.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Recognizing formal language in a letter vs. casual language in a conversation; Understanding why written instructions are more detailed than spoken ones; Identifying differences in punctuation and grammar between spoken and written forms; Observing how storytelling changes in written books vs. oral storytelling; Noticing the use of slang and contractions in speech but not in formal writing

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about the differences between spoken and written English. Spoken English is more casual and includes slang, while written English is more formal and follows grammar rules.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that spoken and written English are the same. They might also think it's okay to use slang in formal writing. But spoken English is more casual, and written English follows strict rules.

Quiz Me

- What is the difference between spoken and written English?
- Can you give an example of formal language?
- Why is it important to know when to use formal language?
- What is slang?
- Can you change this sentence to be more formal?

Help Me

Recognizing the differences between spoken and written English helps us communicate better. For example, we use formal language when writing a letter or an email, but we might use more casual language when talking with friends.