

Context Clues for Word Meaning

Today's Standard

3.L.4a - Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Reading a book and understanding new words using surrounding sentences.; Deciphering the meaning of unfamiliar words in a science text.; Using context to understand vocabulary in a story or article.; Interpreting words in instructions or recipes.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use clues in a sentence to figure out what new words mean. This helps us understand stories better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they can guess a word's meaning without reading the whole sentence, which can be wrong. Also, they might think the first meaning they think of is always right, but it's important to choose the meaning that fits the sentence best.

Quiz Me

- What are context clues?
- How do context clues help us?
- What should you do before guessing a word's meaning?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?
- Why is it important to read the whole sentence?

Help Me

When you read and find a new word, look at the whole sentence to figure out what the word means. This helps you understand the story better. For example, if you read 'The cat was very agile, jumping from one roof to another,' you can guess that 'agile' means quick and able to move easily.