

Parent Guide to the Standards

Using Glossaries and Dictionaries

Today's Standard

3.L.4d - Use glossaries or beginning dictionaries, both print and digital, to determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Looking up unfamiliar words in a storybook using a children's dictionary.; Using an online dictionary to find the meaning of new vocabulary words in a science lesson.; Clarifying the meaning of words in a social studies text using a glossary.; Determining the precise meaning of words in a math problem set using a digital dictionary.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use glossaries and dictionaries to find the meanings of new words. We can use both books and online tools to help us understand words better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that all dictionaries give the same meanings for words, but that's not true. Different dictionaries can say different things. Also, the first meaning you see isn't always the right one. It's important to look at all the meanings and think about which one fits best.

Quiz Me

- What is a glossary?
- How do you find a word in a dictionary?
- Why should you look at more than one dictionary?
- What are context clues?
- How do you pick the best meaning of a word?

Help Me

When you read a new word, you can use a dictionary or glossary to find out what it means. For example, if you see a new word in your storybook, you can look it up in a dictionary to understand it better. This helps you learn new words and understand your reading more.