

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Figurative Language and Word Relationships

## Today's Standard

3.L.5 - Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships and nuances in word meanings.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying metaphors and similes in books and stories; Understanding and using idioms in everyday conversation; Exploring synonyms and antonyms through word games; Analyzing characters' feelings and actions based on word choices

#### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about figurative language and word relationships. This means understanding things like metaphors and similes, and knowing how words can have slightly different meanings.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids might think that figurative language is literal, like 'raining cats and dogs' means actual animals are falling. They might also think that synonyms and antonyms can always be swapped, but context matters.

## Quiz Me

- What is a metaphor?
- Can you give me an example of a simile?
- What is a synonym?
- What is an antonym?
- Why is it important to know different word meanings?

## Help Me

Understanding figurative language and word relationships helps us read better and write more interesting stories. For example, knowing that 'it's raining cats and dogs' means it's raining a lot helps us understand what the writer is saying.