



Understanding Shades of Meaning

Today's Standard

3.L.5c - Distinguish shades of meaning among related words that describe states of mind or degrees of certainty (e.g., knew, believed, suspected, heard, wondered).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Discussing how different words can change the meaning of a sentence.; Using varied vocabulary in writing to express precise emotions or thoughts.; Analyzing characters' feelings and thoughts in stories.; Playing word games that involve synonyms and subtle differences in meaning.

Today I Learned

Today, I learned about words that describe how sure someone is or how they feel. Words like 'knew,' 'believed,' and 'wondered' all mean different things.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that words that mean almost the same thing can be used in the same way. But words like 'knew' and 'believed' are not always the same. We need to choose the right word for what we mean.

Quiz Me

- What does 'knew' mean?
- Can you tell me a word that means almost the same as 'believed'?
- When might you use the word 'suspected'?
- How is 'wondered' different from 'knew'?
- Can you use 'heard' in a sentence?

Help Me

When we talk about how sure we are or how we feel, we use different words. For example, 'knew' means you are very sure, but 'wondered' means you are not sure. We use these words to tell people exactly what we mean.