



Understanding Academic and Domain-Specific Vocabulary

Today's Standard

3.RI.4 - Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Reading science articles and identifying key terms; Understanding instructions in a math word problem; Reading a history text and determining the meaning of new words

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to figure out the meaning of new words we find in our reading. We used clues from the text and looked at parts of the words to help us understand them better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think they need a dictionary for every new word, but they can often use clues in the text instead. Also, some kids think special words are only in books, but we use them all the time in real life!

Quiz Me

- What are context clues?
- How can you figure out a new word?
- Why is it important to know new words?
- Can you give an example of a special word?
- Where else can we find special words?

Help Me

We use special words to help us understand things better. For example, in science, we might read about 'photosynthesis.' We can use clues in the text to figure out what it means. This helps us learn and talk about different subjects!