

Parent Guide to the Standards

Prepared Discussion Participation

Today's Standard

3.SL.1a - Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Classroom book discussions; Group projects; Peer review sessions; Family dinner conversations; Debate clubs

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to prepare for discussions by reading and thinking about the material. This helps me share my ideas and listen to others in class.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think just reading is enough to be prepared. But they also need to understand and think about what they read. Also, some kids think participating means only talking. Listening to others is very important too.

Quiz Me

- What does it mean to be prepared for a discussion?
- Why is it important to read the material before a discussion?
- What should you do besides reading to be prepared?
- What is active listening?
- Why is listening important in a discussion?

Help Me

Being prepared for a discussion means reading and thinking about the material. This helps you share your ideas and listen to others. For example, at dinner, you can talk about a book you read and listen to what your family thinks about it.