



Topic Development in Writing

Today's Standard

3.W.2b - Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a report on a favorite animal with facts and details; Creating a biography of a historical figure with key information; Composing a how-to guide with step-by-step instructions and explanations; Describing a science experiment with observations and results; Writing a persuasive letter with supporting arguments

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to make our writing better by adding important facts, definitions, and details to our main ideas.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think just listing facts is enough, but the facts need to be connected to the main idea. Also, it's important to include definitions so everyone understands the topic.

Quiz Me

- What is a fact?
- Why do we need details in our writing?
- What is a definition?
- How do facts help our main idea?
- Can you give an example of a detail?

Help Me

When you write, think about telling a story. Use facts to make your story true, definitions to explain hard words, and details to make it interesting. For example, if you're writing about your favorite animal, tell us what it eats, where it lives, and why it's special.