

Parent Guide to the

Character Development through Dialogue

Today's Standard

3.W.3b - Use dialogue and descriptions of actions, thoughts, and feelings to develop experiences and events or show the response of characters to situations.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing short stories with character dialogues; Creating comic strips with speech bubbles; Role-playing scenarios in class; Analyzing characters in favorite books or movies; Writing diary entries from a character's perspective

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use dialogue and actions to show what characters are thinking and feeling in a story.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think that only talking shows what a character feels, but actions and thoughts are important too. Others might forget that what a character does can tell us a lot about them.

Quiz Me

- What is dialogue?
- How can actions show what a character is like?
- Why do we need to know a character's thoughts?
- Can actions tell us about a character's feelings?
- What makes a character interesting?

Help Me

When writing stories, it's important to show what characters are thinking and feeling. You can do this by using dialogue, which is what they say, and actions, which is what they do. For example, if a character is scared, they might say 'I'm scared!' and also hide under a table. This helps us understand them better.