



Using punctuation for emphasis

Today's Standard

4.L.3b - Choose punctuation for effect.*

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing letters or emails with expressive punctuation; Creating dialogue in stories to show emotion; Using punctuation in poetry to create rhythm; Editing written work to enhance meaning; Reading aloud with attention to punctuation for dramatic effect

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about using punctuation to make writing more interesting. Punctuation marks like periods, commas, and exclamation points can change how a sentence sounds and feels.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think punctuation is only for ending sentences, but it can also show pauses and feelings. Another mistake is using punctuation randomly, which can make writing confusing.

Quiz Me

- What is a period used for?
- Can a comma show a pause in a sentence?
- What does an exclamation point show?
- Why is punctuation important?
- Can punctuation change how a sentence sounds?

Help Me

Punctuation marks help us show how we feel when we write. For example, an exclamation point shows excitement! Using the right punctuation makes our writing clear and fun to read.