



Word Meaning Strategies

Today's Standard

4.L.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 4 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues in a story to understand a new word.; Identifying multiple meanings of a word in a sentence.; Using a dictionary or thesaurus to find word meanings.; Breaking down words into roots, prefixes, and suffixes.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to figure out what new words mean by looking at the words around them, using a dictionary, and breaking them into smaller parts.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Kids might think a word has only one meaning or that they always need a dictionary. We can help them by showing how words can mean different things and how to use clues in the sentence.

Quiz Me

- What can you use to figure out a new word?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?
- What is a dictionary for?
- What are prefixes and suffixes?
- How can you use the words around a new word to understand it?

Help Me

When you see a new word, look at the words around it to help you understand it. You can also use a dictionary or break the word into smaller parts to figure out what it means.