

# **Using Reference Materials**

## Today's Standard

4.L.4c - Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Looking up unfamiliar words in a dictionary to understand their meanings.; Using a thesaurus to find synonyms for varied writing.; Checking pronunciation in a digital dictionary for proper speech.; Clarifying the meaning of technical terms in a glossary.

## Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use dictionaries and thesauruses to find the meanings and pronunciations of words. These tools help us understand and use words better.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Some kids think all dictionaries are the same, but they can be different. Others think digital dictionaries are always better than print ones, which isn't true. We need to check if they are reliable.

## Quiz Me

- What is a dictionary used for?
- Can you find the meaning of a word in a thesaurus?
- How do you know how to say a word?
- Are all dictionaries the same?
- Is a digital dictionary always better than a print one?

## Help Me

Using dictionaries and thesauruses helps us understand words better. For example, if you don't know what a word means, you can look it up in a dictionary. If you want to find another word that means the same thing, you can use a thesaurus. These tools help us read and write better.