



Understanding Similes and Metaphors

Today's Standard

4.L.5a - Explain the meaning of simple similes and metaphors (e.g., as pretty as a picture) in context.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing a friend's smile to sunshine; Describing a busy place as a beehive; Saying someone is as brave as a lion; Explaining a tough problem as a mountain to climb; Talking about a calm sea as a mirror

Today I Learned

Today we learned about similes and metaphors. A simile compares two things using 'like' or 'as', and a metaphor compares two things directly.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think similes and metaphors are the same, but similes use 'like' or 'as'. Others might take them literally, not understanding the figurative meaning.

Quiz Me

- What is a simile?
- What is a metaphor?
- How is a simile different from a metaphor?
- Can you give an example of a simile?
- Can you give an example of a metaphor?

Help Me

Similes and metaphors help us describe things in interesting ways. For example, saying 'as busy as a bee' means someone is very busy, just like a bee.