

Context Clues for Word Recognition

Today's Standard

4.RF.4c - Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Reading street signs and understanding their meanings.; Deciphering the meaning of unfamiliar words in a storybook.; Understanding instructions in a recipe or manual.; Interpreting the meaning of words in a news article.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use context clues to understand new words. This means looking at the words around an unfamiliar word to figure out its meaning. We also learned that rereading can help us understand better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that context clues are only in the same sentence as the new word. But they can be in the sentences around it too! Another problem is thinking that rereading means they didn't understand the first time. But rereading is actually a good way to understand better.

Quiz Me

- What are context clues?
- Why is rereading important?
- Can context clues be in other sentences?
- What can you do if you don't understand a word?
- Why should you look at the whole paragraph?

Help Me

When you read and find a word you don't know, look at the other words around it. They can help you understand what the new word means. You can also read the sentence again to make sure you understand. This is something good readers do all the time!