

Text Details and Inferences

Today's Standard

4.RI.1 - Refer to details and examples in a text when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing a news article to identify key facts and inferred information.; Reading a historical document and explaining its explicit statements and inferred meanings.; Interpreting a scientific report by distinguishing between stated facts and inferred conclusions.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to look at details in a text to understand what it says clearly and to make guesses based on those details.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that guesses are just random and don't need to be based on the text. They might also think that only the clear details in the text are important. Both clear details and guesses based on those details help us understand the text better.

Quiz Me

- What is a detail in a text?
- What is an inference?
- Why do we make inferences?
- How can you support an inference?
- What is the difference between a detail and an inference?

Help Me

When you read something, look for the clear facts first. Then, try to make guesses based on those facts. For example, if a story says 'The sky was dark and the wind was howling,' you can guess that a storm might be coming.