

Parent Guide to the

# **Comprehending Informational Texts**

#### Today's Standard

4.RI.10 - By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 4–5 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Reading a science textbook to understand a new concept.; Analyzing a historical document for a social studies project.; Interpreting technical instructions for a school experiment.

#### Today | Learned

Today, we learned how to read and understand different types of informational texts. This helps us learn from books about history, science, and more.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes, kids think they only need to know the main idea and not the details. They might also think all books are the same difficulty. We help them by showing how to find important details and use different reading tricks.

#### Quiz Me

- What is the main idea?
- Can you find a detail that supports the main idea?
- What is a text feature?
- Why is it important to understand details?
- What is one reading strategy you learned?

#### Help Me

When reading a book about science or history, it's important to understand what the book is mainly about and also the details that explain it. This helps us learn better and use the information in real life, like doing a science experiment or understanding a historical event.