



Understanding Academic Vocabulary

Today's Standard

4.RI.4 - Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words or phrases in a text relevant to a grade 4 topic or subject area.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying key terms in a science textbook; Understanding vocabulary in a historical document; Deciphering unknown words in a news article; Clarifying terms in a math word problem

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to figure out the meaning of important words in a text. These words help us understand what we are reading better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that words always mean the same thing, but they don't. Also, some words are used in different subjects but mean different things. We need to look at the words around them to know what they mean.

Quiz Me

- What does 'academic' mean?
- Can you use context clues to guess a word?
- What is a domain-specific word?
- Why are context clues important?
- Give an example of a word that can mean different things.

Help Me

When we read, we often see new words that we don't know. By looking at the words around them, we can guess what they mean. This helps us understand the text better, whether it's a science book, a history paper, or even a math problem.