



Text Details and Inferences

Today's Standard

4.RL.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 characters' actions in a story; Understanding the moral of a fable; Interpreting themes in a poem; Explaining historical events in a biography; Drawing conclusions from a news article

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to use details and examples from a story to explain what it says and to make guesses about what it means.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think making guesses doesn't need evidence. But guesses should always be backed up by the story. Also, some kids mix up what the story says directly with what they guess. It's important to know the difference.

Quiz Me

- What is an inference?
- Can you find a detail in the story?
- Why are details important?
- Can you give an example of a guess based on the story?
- What is the difference between what the story says and what you guess?

Help Me

When you read a story, look for details that tell you what is happening. Use these details to make guesses about things the story doesn't say directly. For example, if a character is crying, you can guess they are sad, even if the story doesn't say so.