

Parent Guide to the Standards

Dialogue and Character Responses

Today's Standard

4.W.3b - Use dialogue and description to develop experiences and events or show the responses of characters to situations.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing short stories with character interactions; Creating scripts for plays or skits; Developing comic strips with dialogue; Journaling from a character's perspective; Writing letters between fictional characters

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to use dialogue and description to make stories more interesting by showing what characters say and do.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think dialogue is only for talking between characters, but it can also show what characters think and feel. Another mistake is thinking descriptions are only about looks, but they can also show emotions and actions.

Quiz Me

- What is dialogue?
- Can dialogue show what a character thinks?
- What can descriptions show besides looks?
- Why is it important to show what characters do?
- How can you make a story more interesting?

Help Me

When writing stories, use dialogue to show what characters say and think. Use descriptions to show not just looks, but also feelings and actions. This makes the story more fun to read!