



Analyzing Author's Evidence

Today's Standard

4.W.9b - Apply grade 4 Reading standards to informational texts (e.g., "Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text").

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identify reasons and evidence in a news article.; Discuss how a science textbook supports its claims.; Analyze an author's argument in a persuasive essay.; Evaluate the evidence in a historical document.; Identify supporting details in a biography.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find evidence in texts. Evidence is information that helps prove what the author is saying.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think any detail is evidence, but only some details really help prove the author's point. Also, an author's opinion is not the same as evidence. Evidence is based on facts.

Quiz Me

- What is evidence?
- Can any detail be evidence?
- What is the difference between opinion and evidence?
- Why do authors use evidence?
- Can you give an example of evidence?

Help Me

Evidence is like proof. For example, if a book says eating vegetables is healthy, the evidence might be facts from a doctor or scientist. Look for facts that support what the author is saying.