



Sentence Structure and Style

Today's Standard

5.L.3a - Expand, combine, and reduce sentences for meaning, reader/listener interest, and style.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing engaging stories with varied sentence structures; Creating persuasive essays with clear and concise sentences; Enhancing oral presentations with dynamic sentence combinations; Editing peer work to improve readability and interest; Crafting descriptive paragraphs in creative writing assignments

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how to make sentences more interesting by changing their length and combining them in different ways.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think longer sentences are always better, but that's not true. It's also a mistake to think combining sentences always makes writing better. We need to use a mix of short and long sentences.

Quiz Me

- Can you tell me what a sentence is?
- What does it mean to combine sentences?
- Why might we want to make a sentence shorter?
- Can you give me an example of a long sentence?
- Why is it important to use different sentence lengths?

Help Me

When we write, we can make our sentences more interesting by changing their length. Sometimes, we make sentences longer by adding more details. Other times, we combine two short sentences into one longer one. But we also need to know when to make sentences shorter to keep our writing clear and easy to understand.