Understanding Multiple-Meaning Words

Today's Standard

5.L.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 5 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues in a novel to understand a new word; Deciphering the meaning of a word with multiple meanings in a science article; Applying knowledge of prefixes and suffixes to determine word meaning; Consulting a dictionary or thesaurus for unfamiliar words; Using word parts (roots, prefixes, suffixes) to infer word meaning

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to understand the meaning of words we don't know and words that can mean different things. We used clues from the story, parts of the words, and dictionaries to help us.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think a word can only mean one thing. But words can mean different things in different sentences. Also, it's okay if they don't know a word right away. They can use clues and tools to figure it out.

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?

- How can you use a dictionary?

- What is a prefix?

- What is a suffix?

- Can a word have more than one meaning?

Help Me

We use clues in stories, like other words and sentences, to figure out what new words mean. We also look at the beginnings and endings of words and use dictionaries. This helps us understand stories better.