



Using Reference Materials

Today's Standard

5.L.4c - Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation and determine or clarify the precise meaning of key words and phrases.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Looking up unfamiliar words in a dictionary; Using a thesaurus to find synonyms for writing; Checking the pronunciation of new vocabulary; Clarifying the meaning of terms in a science textbook; Using online glossaries for subject-specific terms

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use dictionaries, glossaries, and thesauruses to find the meanings and pronunciations of words.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Kids might think all dictionaries are the same or that online dictionaries aren't as good as books. We learned how to check if a dictionary is good and how to use different ones for different things.

Quiz Me

- What is a dictionary used for?
- How can a thesaurus help you?
- What is a glossary?
- Why would you use a digital dictionary?
- Can you find the meaning of 'precise'?

Help Me

Using dictionaries and other tools helps you understand words better. You can find out how to say a word and what it means. This helps you read and write better!