



Understanding Figurative Language

Today's Standard

5.L.5a - Interpret figurative language, including similes and metaphors, in context.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying similes and metaphors in popular songs and explaining their meanings.; Analyzing figurative language in poetry and discussing its impact on the reader.; Creating original sentences using similes and metaphors to describe everyday objects.; Interpreting figurative language in advertisements and understanding its persuasive effect.

Today I Learned

Today we learned about figurative language, like similes and metaphors. These are ways to make writing more interesting by comparing things.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think all comparisons are literal, like 'as busy as a bee' means someone is really a bee. They might also mix up similes and metaphors, thinking they are the same.

Quiz Me

- What is a simile?
- What is a metaphor?
- Can you give an example of a simile?
- Can you give an example of a metaphor?
- Why do we use figurative language?

Help Me

Figurative language helps us describe things in a fun and interesting way. For example, saying 'time flies' means time goes by quickly, not that it has wings. We see this in stories and songs all the time!