

Parent Guide to the

Vocabulary in Informational Texts

Today's Standard

5.RI.4 - Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 5 topic or subject area.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Researching a science topic and understanding key terms; Reading a historical document and interpreting specific phrases; Analyzing a news article and identifying domain-specific language; Understanding instructions in a technical manual

Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to figure out the meaning of new words in my reading. This helps me understand what I'm reading better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they can always guess new words just by looking at the other words around them. Another tricky part is thinking special words are only used in one subject.

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- How can a prefix help you understand a word?
- What is a domain-specific word?
- Why should you use a dictionary?
- Can you give me an example of a general academic word?

Help Me

When you read, you might find new words. You can use the words around it to guess what it means, look at the parts of the word, or use a dictionary. This helps you understand the text better.