

Parent Guide to the Standards

Discussion Preparation

Today's Standard

5.SL.1a - Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation and other information known about the topic to explore ideas under discussion.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Classroom debates; Group project meetings; Book club discussions; Peer review sessions; Family dinner conversations

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how to get ready for a discussion. It's important to read and think about the material before talking about it.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think just showing up is enough, but they need to read the material first. Others think they know enough already, but new information is important too.

Quiz Me

- What should you do before a discussion?
- Why is it important to read the material first?
- Can you rely only on what you already know?
- How can you connect new information to what you know?
- What happens if you come to a discussion unprepared?

Help Me

When you get ready for a discussion, read the material first. This helps you understand better and talk about it. For example, if you're talking about a book, read the book first so you can share your ideas.