

Parent Guide to the

Adapting Speech for Context

Today's Standard

5.SL.6 - Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, using formal English when appropriate to task and situation. (See grade 5 Language standards 1 and 3 here for specific expectations.)

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Giving a formal presentation in class; Participating in a group discussion; Introducing oneself in a formal setting; Responding to questions in a job interview; Explaining a project to peers; Role-playing different social scenarios

Today | Learned

Today, we learned about how to change the way we talk depending on where we are and who we are talking to. Sometimes, we need to use formal language, which is more polite and proper.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think formal speech is only for big events like ceremonies. Others think it means using big, complicated words. But really, it's about being clear and polite in the right situations.

Quiz Me

- When should you use formal speech?
- Can you use formal speech in the classroom?
- Is formal speech only for big events?
- What is more important in formal speech, big words or being clear?
- Can you give an example of a situation where you would use formal speech?

Help Me

Formal speech is used when you need to be polite and clear, like when talking to a teacher or giving a presentation. It's not about using big words, but about being appropriate for the situation.