

Parent Guide to the Standards

Scientific and Technical Vocabulary

Today's Standard

6-8.RST.4 - Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a specific scientific or technical context relevant to grades 6-8 texts and topics.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Interpreting graphs and charts in a science textbook; Understanding technical manuals or instructions; Deciphering scientific articles and research papers; Using correct terminology in science projects; Comprehending lab safety symbols

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to understand special words and symbols in science and technical books. This helps us read and understand these books better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they can always guess what a word means just by reading the sentence. But special science words often need extra help, like using a dictionary. Also, some kids think all science symbols are easy to understand, but they need to learn what each symbol means.

Quiz Me

- What is a symbol?
- What can you use to find out what a word means?
- Why is it important to understand science words?
- Can you always guess what a word means?
- What should you do if you don't know what a symbol means?

Help Me

This lesson helps us understand special science words and symbols. For example, when we read a science book, we might see a symbol that tells us to be careful. Understanding these helps us stay safe and understand the book better.