



Fact vs. Opinion in Research

Today's Standard

6-8.RST.8 - Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing scientific articles; Evaluating news reports; Critiquing technical manuals; Understanding research papers; Assessing online information

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to tell the difference between facts, reasoned judgments, and guesses in texts. This helps us understand what is true and what is just an opinion or guess.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think everything they read is true, but some things are just opinions or guesses. Also, they might mix up reasoned judgments with guesses. Reasoned judgments are based on facts, while guesses are not.

Quiz Me

- What is a fact?
- What is an opinion?
- What is a guess?
- How can you tell if something is a fact?
- Why is it important to know the difference?

Help Me

When reading, it's important to know if something is a fact, an opinion, or a guess. For example, if a scientist says 'Water boils at 100 degrees Celsius,' that's a fact. If they say 'I think it will rain tomorrow,' that's a guess. Knowing the difference helps us understand and trust the information we read.