

Parent Guide to the Standards

Vocabulary Strategies

Today's Standard

6.L.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on grade 6 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues in a novel to understand a new word; Deciphering the meaning of a word with multiple meanings in a textbook; Applying knowledge of Greek and Latin roots to determine the meaning of a scientific term; Using a dictionary or thesaurus to find the meaning of an unfamiliar word; Discussing word meanings with peers during a group reading activity

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to figure out what new words mean using different strategies like looking at the words around it, breaking it into parts, and using a dictionary.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think they only need one way to figure out a new word, but using more ways is better. Also, they might think the dictionary is the only tool, but there are faster ways too.

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- What does a prefix do to a word?
- How can you use a dictionary?
- What are word parts?
- Why is it good to use more than one way to figure out a word?

Help Me

When you read and find a new word, look at the other words in the sentence to help you understand it. You can also break the word into parts or use a dictionary. This helps you understand what you read better.