

Context Clues for Word Meaning

Today's Standard

6.L.4a - Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context to understand unknown words in a novel; Interpreting words in historical documents; Deciphering vocabulary in scientific articles; Understanding dialogue in plays or scripts

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use context clues to figure out what words mean. We look at the whole sentence or paragraph to help us understand new words.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think they can only find clues in the sentences right next to the new word. They might also think words have only one meaning. But, we can find clues in the whole paragraph, and words can mean different things.

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- Where can you find context clues?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?
- Why is it important to look at the whole paragraph?
- What should you do if you see a word you don't know?

Help Me

When you see a word you don't know, look at the whole sentence or paragraph to find clues about what it means. Think about where the word is and how it's used. This helps you understand new words better.