



Using Reference Materials

Today's Standard

6.L.4c - Consult reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using a dictionary to find the meaning of new vocabulary in a novel.; Consulting a thesaurus to find synonyms for words in a writing assignment.; Using an online glossary to understand technical terms in a science textbook.; Finding the pronunciation of a word using a digital dictionary.; Clarifying the part of speech of a word to improve grammar in writing.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about using dictionaries, glossaries, and thesauruses to find out how to say words, what they mean, and what part of speech they are.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think all dictionaries are the same, but they aren't. Others think online dictionaries aren't good, but many are very good.

Quiz Me

- What can you use to find out what a word means?
- How can you find how to say a word?
- What book helps you find synonyms?
- Why is it important to know if a word is a noun or verb?
- Can online dictionaries be good to use?

Help Me

You can use dictionaries, glossaries, and thesauruses to help you understand words better. For example, if you find a new word in a book, you can use a dictionary to learn what it means and how to say it. This helps you understand the story better.

