

Understanding Figures of Speech

Today's Standard

6.L.5a - Interpret figures of speech (e.g., personification) in context.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing figurative language in poetry and prose; Identifying personification in everyday conversations; Evaluating the use of figures of speech in advertisements; Creating original sentences using personification; Discussing the impact of figurative language in storytelling

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about figures of speech, like personification, which is giving human traits to things that aren't human.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think that figures of speech should be taken literally, but they are meant to be imaginative. Others might think that personification is the only type of figure of speech, but there are many, like similes and metaphors.

Quiz Me

- What is a figure of speech?
- Can you give an example of personification?
- What is the difference between literal and figurative language?
- Why do writers use figures of speech?
- Can you make up your own sentence using personification?

Help Me

Figures of speech make language more interesting and vivid. For example, saying 'The wind whispered' makes us imagine the wind as if it could talk. We see this in stories, poems, and even in ads!