



Understanding Words and Phrases

Today's Standard

6.RI.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing the language used in news articles to understand bias; Interpreting scientific texts to grasp technical terms; Decoding figurative language in historical speeches; Evaluating connotative meanings in advertisements

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to figure out what words and phrases mean in different texts. This includes understanding special meanings and how words can be used in different ways.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that words only have one meaning, but they can change depending on how they are used. Also, they might not realize that special language tricks, like metaphors, are important in learning.

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?
- What is figurative language?
- Why is it important to understand different meanings of words?
- Can you give an example of a word with more than one meaning?

Help Me

Understanding words and phrases helps us read better. For example, knowing what a word means in a science book can help us understand the lesson. It also helps us see how writers use words to make their writing interesting.