



Evaluating Arguments in Text

Today's Standard

6.RI.8 - Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles for supported claims; Evaluating advertisements for truthful claims; Assessing scientific reports for evidence-based conclusions; Debating topics in class using reasoned arguments; Reviewing historical documents for supported assertions

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to look at arguments in texts and see if they are backed up by good reasons and evidence.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that all claims in a text are true or that personal stories are strong evidence. We need to teach them to look for facts and expert opinions to support claims.

Quiz Me

- What is an argument?
- What is a claim?
- What is evidence?
- How do you know if a claim is supported?
- Why is it important to check if a claim is supported?

Help Me

When you read something, it's important to see if what the author says is backed up by facts or expert opinions. This helps you know if the information is true and reliable. For example, in a news article, look for statistics or quotes from experts to see if the claims are supported.