

Parent Guide to the Standards

Word Meanings and Tone Analysis

Today's Standard

6.RL.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing word choice in poetry to understand tone; Examining figurative language in novels to determine deeper meanings; Interpreting connotative meanings in speeches or essays; Identifying the impact of specific words in advertisements; Understanding tone through word choice in news articles

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the meanings of words in stories. We also talked about how some words can make us feel different things and how choosing the right words can change the story's mood.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that words always mean the same thing. But words can mean different things in different stories. Also, kids might think that the story's mood is always told directly, but it's often shown through the words used.

Quiz Me

- What does 'figurative language' mean?
- Can words have more than one meaning?
- What are context clues?
- How can words make us feel different things?
- What is the mood of a story?

Help Me

We learned that words can mean different things in different stories. For example, in a poem, 'heart' might mean love, but in a story about a doctor, it means the organ in our chest. Words can also make us feel happy or sad, and this helps us understand the mood of the story.