

Evaluating Speaker's Claims

Today's Standard

6.SL.3 - Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, distinguishing claims that are supported by reasons and evidence from claims that are not.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing a political speech for supported and unsupported claims.; Evaluating a class debate to identify reasoned arguments.; Assessing advertisements to distinguish between fact and opinion.; Reviewing news articles for evidence-based reporting.; Critiquing a peer's presentation for logical consistency.

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to tell if what a speaker says is backed up by facts or just their opinion.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that everything a speaker says is true, but that's not always the case. They also might think that if someone repeats something a lot, it makes it true, but it doesn't.

Quiz Me

- What is a claim?
- What is evidence?
- Why is evidence important?
- Can all claims be trusted?
- Does repeating something make it true?

Help Me

When someone talks, it's important to see if what they're saying is backed up by facts. This helps us know if we can trust what they're saying. For example, if a commercial says a toy is the best, we should look for reasons and facts that show why it's the best.