

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Formal Writing Techniques

### Today's Standard

6.W.1d - Establish and maintain a formal style.

# Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a formal letter; Creating a research paper; Drafting a business email; Composing a persuasive essay; Developing a resume or CV

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned about writing in a formal style. This means using clear and proper language when writing something important, like a letter or a report.

### **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes kids think that writing formally means using big, complicated words. But really, it's about being clear and easy to understand. Another mistake is thinking formal writing has to be boring. But it can be interesting and still be formal.

#### Quiz Me

- What is formal writing?
- Why do we use formal writing?
- Can you give an example of formal writing?
- Is formal writing always boring?
- What should you avoid in formal writing?

# Help Me

Formal writing is used when we need to be serious and clear, like when writing a letter to a teacher or a report for school. It's important because it helps us say what we mean in a way that everyone can understand.