

Understanding Phrases and Clauses

Today's Standard

7.L.1a - Explain the function of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying clauses in newspaper articles; Analyzing phrases in song lyrics; Breaking down sentences in a favorite book; Creating complex sentences in writing assignments; Understanding legal documents and contracts; Improving clarity in personal communication

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about phrases and clauses. Phrases are groups of words that do not have a subject and predicate, while clauses do. Knowing the difference helps us write better sentences.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students think phrases and clauses are the same, but they are not. Phrases do not have a subject and predicate, while clauses do. Another common mistake is thinking all clauses can be sentences. Only independent clauses can stand alone.

Quiz Me

- What is a phrase?
- What is a clause?
- Can all clauses be sentences?
- What is an independent clause?
- Why are phrases and clauses important?

Help Me

Understanding phrases and clauses helps us write better sentences. For example, when writing a letter or an email, knowing how to use phrases and clauses correctly makes our writing clearer and easier to understand.