



Context Clues for Word Meaning

Today's Standard

7.L.4a - Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Understanding unfamiliar words in a novel; Deciphering technical terms in a science article; Interpreting new vocabulary in historical documents; Making sense of instructions in a recipe; Clarifying meanings in a legal document

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use context clues to figure out the meaning of new words. Context clues are hints in the sentence or paragraph that help us understand what a word means.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that the hints are always in the same sentence, but they can be in other sentences too. Also, not every word has a clear hint, so we might need to look up words or break them down into parts.

Quiz Me

- What are context clues?
- Why do we use context clues?
- Where can we find context clues?
- What should we do if we can't find a context clue?
- Can you give an example of a context clue?

Help Me

Context clues help us understand new words by looking at the other words around them. For example, if you don't know what 'gargantuan' means, but the sentence says 'The gargantuan pizza was bigger than the table,' you can guess it means very big.