



Understanding Greek and Latin Roots

Today's Standard

7.L.4b - Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., belligerent, bellicose, rebel).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Deciphering the meaning of unfamiliar words in texts; Enhancing vocabulary through root analysis; Improving comprehension in reading complex texts; Applying knowledge in writing to use more precise vocabulary

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how Greek and Latin roots can help us understand new words. For example, if you know 'bell' means war, you can guess the meaning of 'belligerent'.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that all words with the same root mean the same thing. But that's not true because the meaning can change with different prefixes and suffixes. Also, just knowing the root isn't enough; you need to look at the whole word and how it's used.

Quiz Me

- What is a root word?
- Can you give an example of a Greek or Latin root?
- How can roots help us understand new words?
- Why is it important to look at the whole word?
- What should you do if you don't understand a word?

Help Me

Knowing Greek and Latin roots helps us understand new words we read. For example, 'aqua' means water, so 'aquarium' is a place with water. This helps us know more words and understand stories better.