



Using Reference Materials

Today's Standard

7.L.4c - Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Looking up word meanings in a dictionary; Using a thesaurus to find synonyms; Finding word pronunciations online; Clarifying parts of speech using grammar guides

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use dictionaries and other books to find out what words mean and how to say them.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that only online tools are good for finding word meanings, but books are good too. Another mistake is thinking one book is enough, but it's better to check a few.

Quiz Me

- What is a dictionary?
- Can you find word meanings online?
- Why should we use more than one book?
- What helps us know how to say a word?
- Why are parts of speech important?

Help Me

When you read a word you don't know, you can look it up in a dictionary or online. This helps you know what it means and how to say it. Using more than one book or website gives you the best answer.