



Figurative Language and Word Nuances

Today's Standard

7.L.5 - Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying metaphors and similes in literature; Understanding idioms in everyday conversation; Using context clues to determine word meanings; Analyzing how word choice affects tone in writing

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about figurative language, which means using words in a special way to make writing more interesting. We also talked about how words can be related to each other in different ways.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that figurative language always means exactly what it says, but it doesn't. Another tricky part is that they might think word relationships are only about words that mean the same or the opposite, but there are other kinds too.

Quiz Me

- What is a metaphor?
- Can you give an example of a simile?
- What is a synonym?
- What is an antonym?
- Can you think of a word that sounds like another word but has a different meaning?

Help Me

Understanding figurative language helps us read stories and poems better by knowing when words mean something different than usual. For example, 'It's raining cats and dogs' means it's raining a lot, not that animals are falling from the sky. Knowing how words are related helps us understand and use them better in our writing and speaking.

