



Understanding Figures of Speech

Today's Standard

7.L.5a - Interpret figures of speech (e.g., literary, biblical, and mythological allusions) in context.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying allusions in literature and popular media; Explaining the meaning of common idioms; Understanding references in historical texts; Analyzing metaphors in poetry; Interpreting symbolic language in religious texts

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about figures of speech and how to understand them. Figures of speech are special ways we use words to make our writing more interesting.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think that figures of speech mean exactly what they say, but they really have a hidden meaning. Others might think these are only in poems, but they are in all kinds of writing.

Quiz Me

- What is a figure of speech?
- Can you give me an example of an idiom?
- What does 'literal' mean?
- Where can you find figures of speech?
- What is a metaphor?

Help Me

Figures of speech are like secret codes in writing. They help make stories and talks more fun and interesting. For example, saying 'it's raining cats and dogs' means it's raining very hard, not that animals are falling from the sky!