

Parent Guide to the Standards

Analyzing Word Meanings and Impact

Today's Standard

7.RI.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Interpreting technical terms in science articles; Understanding historical documents; Analyzing word choice in news reports; Evaluating persuasive language in advertisements; Decoding figurative language in speeches

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to understand and analyze the meaning of words and phrases in a text, including different types of meanings and how word choices affect the text.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids might think that words only have one meaning or that figurative language should be taken literally. It's important to understand that words can have different meanings depending on how they are used and that figurative language uses creative comparisons.

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?
- What is figurative language?
- How can word choice change a story?
- Why is it important to understand different word meanings?

Help Me

Understanding different word meanings helps us read and understand all kinds of texts, like books, articles, and even advertisements. It helps us see the deeper meanings and how the author wants us to feel.