

Parent Guide to the Standards

# Adapting Speech in Contexts

#### Today's Standard

7.SL.6 - Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 7 Language standards 1 and 3 here for specific expectations.)

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Giving a class presentation using formal language; Participating in a group discussion with peers; Writing and delivering a speech for a school event; Engaging in a debate on a current issue; Role-playing different social scenarios

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to change the way we talk depending on where we are and who we're talking to. This helps us talk better in different situations.

## **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes kids think they always need to talk formally, but that's not true. Another mistake is thinking they have to change who they are when they talk differently. It's just about talking in the best way for the situation.

#### Quiz Me

- When should you use formal language?
- What is an example of a formal event?
- Why is it important to adapt your speech?
- Can you give an example of an informal situation?
- How can practicing different scenarios help you?

## Help Me

Changing how you talk can help you in many real-life situations, like giving a speech at school or talking with friends. It's important to know when to be formal or informal so you can communicate better.