



Understanding Verbals in Sentences

Today's Standard

8.L.1a - Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying gerunds in a recipe; Using participles in descriptive writing; Recognizing infinitives in instructions; Analyzing verbals in poetry; Creating sentences with different verbals

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about verbals. Verbals are special words that come from verbs but act differently in sentences. There are three types: gerunds, participles, and infinitives.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids mix up gerunds and participles because they both end in '-ing'. Also, they might think infinitives always act as verbs, but they can be nouns, adjectives, or adverbs too.

Quiz Me

- What is a gerund?
- Can you find the participle in this sentence?
- What is an infinitive?
- How does a gerund function in a sentence?
- Can an infinitive be an adjective?

Help Me

Verbals are words that come from verbs but act like other parts of speech. For example, 'Swimming is fun' uses 'swimming' as a noun. Understanding verbals helps make writing more interesting and clear.