

Understanding Multiple-Meaning Words

Today's Standard

8.L.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on grade 8 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues in literature to understand complex vocabulary.; Applying word analysis strategies in science or social studies texts.; Using dictionaries or thesauruses to find meanings and synonyms.; Engaging in word games that focus on vocabulary building.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to figure out what new words mean. We can use clues in the story, look in a dictionary, or break the word into smaller parts to understand it.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think words only have one meaning, but they can have many. Also, they might think a dictionary is the only way to learn new words, but there are other ways too.

Quiz Me

- What is a clue in a story?
- How can a dictionary help you?
- What is a prefix?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?
- Give an example of a word with two meanings.

Help Me

We use different ways to understand new words. We can look at the story for hints, use a dictionary, or break the word into smaller parts. This helps us understand what we read better.