



Using Reference Materials

Today's Standard

8.L.4c - Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Looking up word pronunciations in a dictionary; Using a thesaurus to find synonyms and antonyms; Consulting glossaries for subject-specific terms; Utilizing online dictionaries and language tools; Finding the part of speech for unfamiliar words

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use dictionaries, glossaries, and thesauruses to find out how to say words, what they mean, and what part of speech they are.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think all dictionaries are the same, but they are not. Also, some kids think online tools are always right, but they need to check with books too.

Quiz Me

- What can you use a dictionary for?
- What is a glossary?
- What does a thesaurus help you find?
- Are online tools always correct?
- Why is it good to use both print and digital tools?

Help Me

Learning how to use dictionaries and other reference books helps you understand and use words better. You can find out how to say a word, what it means, and how to use it in sentences. This is helpful in reading, writing, and speaking.

