



Determining Word Meaning

Today's Standard

8.L.4d - Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues in reading assignments; Consulting dictionaries during writing exercises; Analyzing word meanings in historical documents; Interpreting vocabulary in science textbooks; Understanding new terminology in math problems

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to figure out the meaning of words by looking at the sentences around them and using a dictionary.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think the first dictionary meaning is always right. They might also think context clues are always easy to see. But words can have many meanings, and clues can be tricky!

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- How can you use a dictionary?
- Why is it important to check word meanings?
- What do you do if a word has many meanings?
- Can context clues be hard to find?

Help Me

We use words every day. Knowing what they mean helps us understand what we read and write. By looking at the words around a new word or checking the dictionary, we can make sure we know what it means. This helps us do better in school and understand the world around us.