

Parent Guide to the Standards

Understanding Figures of Speech

Today's Standard

8.L.5a - Interpret figures of speech (e.g. verbal irony, puns) in context.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing the use of irony in literature and movies.; Creating puns for a classroom activity.; Identifying figures of speech in everyday conversations.; Interpreting idiomatic expressions in different contexts.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about figures of speech, like verbal irony and puns. These are ways to use words in fun and creative ways to make our writing and speaking more interesting.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think all figures of speech mean exactly what they say, but they don't. Another tricky part is telling the difference between types like irony and sarcasm.

Quiz Me

- What is a figure of speech?
- Can you give me an example of verbal irony?
- What is a pun?
- What is the difference between literal and figurative language?
- How can you find figures of speech in a story?

Help Me

Figures of speech are fun ways to use words. For example, saying 'It's raining cats and dogs!' means it's raining a lot, not that animals are falling from the sky. Understanding these helps us enjoy stories and jokes better.