



Understanding Word Meanings and Tone

Today's Standard

8.RI.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing word choice in news articles; Interpreting technical terms in science texts; Understanding figurative language in historical speeches; Examining connotations in advertisements

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to understand the meaning of words and phrases in a text. We also learned how the choice of words can change the feeling or tone of the text.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that words only have one meaning, but they can mean different things in different sentences. Another tricky part is understanding the tone, which is the feeling of the text. It's not always said directly but shown through the words used.

Quiz Me

- What is a context clue?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?
- What is tone in a text?
- How can you find the tone of a text?
- What is figurative language?

Help Me

Understanding words in a text helps us know what the writer is saying. For example, in a news article, knowing the exact meaning of words helps us understand the news better. In ads, understanding the tone helps us see what feeling the ad is trying to give us.

