



Paragraph Structure Analysis

Today's Standard

8.RI.5 - Analyze in detail the structure of a specific paragraph in a text, including the role of particular sentences in developing and refining a key concept.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing news articles to understand how paragraphs develop key ideas.; Examining scientific articles to see how specific sentences support the main concept.; Reviewing historical documents to identify paragraph structure and key sentences.; Evaluating online blogs for paragraph coherence and development of ideas.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about how paragraphs in a text are put together. Each sentence in a paragraph has a job to do, like introducing an idea, giving more details, or wrapping things up.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think that every sentence in a paragraph is just as important, but that's not true. The first sentence usually tells the main idea, and the others give more details. Another thing kids might think is that the order of sentences doesn't matter, but it does! The right order helps the paragraph make sense.

Quiz Me

- What does the first sentence in a paragraph do?
- What do the other sentences in a paragraph do?
- Why is the order of sentences important?
- Can every sentence in a paragraph be the same?
- What helps a paragraph make sense?

Help Me

A paragraph is like a mini-story in a text. The first sentence tells what the mini-story is about. The middle sentences give more details, and the last sentence wraps it up. This helps us understand the text better, just like how knowing the order of events helps us understand a story.

