

Analyzing Dialogue and Incidents

Today's Standard

8.RL.3 - Analyze how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Discussing how a character's decision in a novel affects the plot.; Analyzing a pivotal scene in a play to understand character development.; Examining how a specific dialogue reveals hidden motives of a character.; Identifying how a critical incident in a story leads to a major turning point.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to look at the words characters say and the events that happen in stories to understand the story better.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think every part of a story is equally important, but some parts are more important than others. They might also think that what characters say only moves the story along, but it also shows what kind of people they are.

Quiz Me

- What did the character say that was important?
- What happened in the story that changed things?
- How did the character's words show what they are like?
- What big event happened in the story?
- Why was that event important?

Help Me

When we read stories, we can learn a lot by paying attention to what characters say and do. For example, if a character says something mean, it shows they might not be very nice. If something big happens in the story, it can change what happens next.

