



Adapting Speech to Contexts

Today's Standard

8.SL.6 - Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks, demonstrating command of formal English when indicated or appropriate. (See grade 8 Language standards 1 and 3 here for specific expectations.)

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Giving a formal presentation in class.; Participating in a debate or discussion.; Engaging in a job interview.; Conversing in different social settings (e.g., with peers vs. adults).; Writing and delivering a speech for a school event.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to change the way we talk depending on where we are and who we are talking to. We practiced using fancy words when needed.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think they always need to use fancy words, but that's not true. Also, they might think they need to change what they are saying, but it's really about how they say it.

Quiz Me

- What is formal language?
- When should you use formal language?
- Can you give an example of when to use formal language?
- What does it mean to adapt your speech?
- Why is it important to change how we talk in different places?

Help Me

When we talk, we need to change how we speak depending on where we are and who we are with. For example, when talking to a teacher, we use polite and fancy words. When talking to friends, we can be more relaxed.