



## Using Reference Materials

### Today's Standard

9-10.L.4c - Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, or its etymology.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using a dictionary to look up unfamiliar words in a novel.; Consulting a thesaurus to find synonyms for essay writing.; Using online glossaries to understand technical terms in science textbooks.; Checking pronunciation guides to improve speaking skills.

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to use dictionaries and other reference books to find out what words mean, how to say them, and where they come from.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think all dictionaries are the same, but they are not. Others think online dictionaries are always right, but that's not true either.

### Quiz Me

- What can you find in a dictionary?
- How do you know how to say a word?
- What is a thesaurus used for?
- What is etymology?
- Why do we use reference books?

### Help Me

We use dictionaries and other books to help us understand words better. They tell us what words mean, how to say them, and where they come from. We can use them for reading and writing better.