



Verifying Word Meanings

Today's Standard

9-10.L.4d - Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues to determine meanings of unfamiliar words in novels; Cross-referencing dictionary definitions while reading academic articles; Clarifying the meanings of technical terms in science textbooks; Interpreting the meaning of idiomatic expressions in poetry

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to check if our guess about a word's meaning is right. We can do this by looking at other words around it or using a dictionary.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think their first guess about a word's meaning is always correct, but that's not true. They also might think the dictionary always has the right answer, but they need to think about how the word is used in the sentence.

Quiz Me

- What can you use to check a word's meaning?
- What is a dictionary?
- Why is it important to check your guess about a word's meaning?
- What should you look at to understand a word better?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?

Help Me

When you read, you might find words you don't know. You can guess what they mean by looking at other words in the sentence or checking a dictionary. This helps you understand what you're reading better!