

Evaluate Arguments in Texts

Today's Standard

9-10.RI.8 - Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is valid and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; identify false statements and fallacious reasoning.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing political speeches for valid reasoning; Evaluating news articles for credible evidence; Critiquing advertisements for false claims; Assessing academic papers for sufficient evidence

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to tell if arguments in a text make sense and if the evidence given is good and enough. We also learned how to spot false statements and bad reasoning.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think all evidence is good, but it's not. We need to check if it's strong and relevant. Also, just because something sounds logical doesn't mean it's right. We need to look for errors in reasoning.

Quiz Me

- What is valid reasoning?
- What makes evidence relevant?
- Can all evidence be trusted?
- What is a false statement?
- What is fallacious reasoning?

Help Me

When we read things like news articles or speeches, we need to check if the arguments make sense and if the evidence is good and enough. This helps us understand the truth and not be misled.