



Evaluating Speaker's Arguments

Today's Standard

9-10.SL.3 - Evaluate a speaker's point of view, reasoning, and use of evidence and rhetoric, identifying any fallacious reasoning or exaggerated or distorted evidence.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing political speeches for bias and rhetoric; Critiquing advertisements for exaggerated claims; Evaluating news reports for accuracy and bias; Assessing debates for logical fallacies

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to tell if someone is making a good argument. We looked at their reasons and the facts they use.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think all facts are the same, but some facts are better than others. Also, just because someone talks nicely doesn't mean they are right.

Quiz Me

- What is a good reason?
- What is a fact?
- Can all facts be trusted?
- What is a fancy way of talking called?
- Can nice words hide bad reasons?

Help Me

We learned how to check if what someone says is true. We do this by looking at their reasons and the facts they use. For example, if a person in an ad says a toy is the best but doesn't give good reasons, we should be careful.