

Parent Guide to the Standards

Domain-Specific Vocabulary Usage

Today's Standard

9-10.WHST.2d - Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to manage the complexity of the topic and convey a style appropriate to the discipline and context as well as to the expertise of likely readers.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Writing a research paper with appropriate scientific terminology; Creating a historical analysis using precise historical terms; Drafting a technical manual with industry-specific language; Developing a lab report with accurate scientific vocabulary; Composing a literary critique using advanced literary terms

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about using precise words that are specific to a subject to make writing clear and easy to understand.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some students think using big, complicated words makes their writing better, but clear and simple words are often better. Others think special words are only for science or technical subjects, but they are important in all subjects.

Quiz Me

- What is a domain-specific word?
- Why is it important to use clear words?
- Can you give an example of a special word used in science?
- What happens if you use too many big words?
- Why do we use special words in history?

Help Me

Using precise and special words helps make writing clear and easy to understand. For example, in science, we use words like 'photosynthesis' to explain how plants make food. This helps everyone understand exactly what we mean.