



Understanding and Using Words

Today's Standard

K.L.4 - Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases based on kindergarten reading and content.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues to understand new words in a story; Identifying multiple meanings of common words (e.g. 'bat' as an animal and a sports equipment); Playing word games that involve guessing the meaning of new words

Today I Learned

Today we learned how to figure out what new words mean using the words around them in a story. We also learned that some words can have more than one meaning!

Common Stumbling Blocks

Kids might think that a word has only one meaning. But many words can mean different things. They might also try to understand words just by looking at pictures. It's important to use the whole sentence to figure out what a word means.

Quiz Me

- What does 'context' mean?
- Can a word have more than one meaning?
- How can you figure out what a new word means?
- What should you look at to understand a word?
- Why is it important to know different meanings of a word?

Help Me

When you read a story, sometimes you find new words. You can understand these words by looking at the other words in the sentence. This helps you know what the new word means. For example, the word 'bat' can mean an animal or something you use in baseball. The sentence will help you know which one it is.

