



Phonemic Awareness

Today's Standard

K.RF.2 - Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Clapping hands to count syllables in words; Identifying the first sound in a word; Blending sounds to make a word; Segmenting a word into individual sounds

Today I Learned

Today, we learned about phonemic awareness. This means being able to hear, identify, and play with the sounds in words.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think that syllables and sounds are the same, but they're not. Another mistake is thinking the first sound in a word is always the first letter, like in 'knight' or 'phone'.

Quiz Me

- Can you clap the syllables in 'apple'?
- What is the first sound in 'cat'?
- Can you blend these sounds to make a word: /c/ /a/ /t/?
- How many sounds are in the word 'dog'?
- What sound does 'sh' make?

Help Me

Phonemic awareness helps us hear and play with sounds in words. This is important for learning to read. For example, clapping hands to count syllables or blending sounds to make words can help us understand how words are made.