

## Author's Reasons

### Today's Standard

K.RI.8 - With prompting and support, identify the reasons an author gives to support points in a text.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Discuss why an author wrote a book about animals.; Identify reasons given in a simple recipe book.; Explore reasons in a children's news article.; Analyze reasons in a story about community helpers.

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the reasons an author gives to support their points in a text. This helps us understand why the author thinks their main idea is important.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that all details in a text are reasons, but reasons are specific explanations that support the main idea. Another common mistake is mixing up reasons with the main idea itself.

### Quiz Me

- What is a reason?
- Can you find a reason in this book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this?
- What is the main idea of this text?
- How is a reason different from other details?

### Help Me

When you read a book about animals, the author might give reasons why animals are important. For example, they might say animals help us by being our friends or by working on farms. These reasons help us understand why the author thinks animals are special.