

Parent Guide to the Standards

Roles of author and illustrator

Today's Standard

K.RL.6 - With prompting and support, name the author and illustrator of a story and define the role of each in telling the story.

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying the author and illustrator in children's books; Discussing the contributions of authors and illustrators in storytelling; Comparing different authors and illustrators in a classroom library; Creating simple stories and illustrations in class projects

Today I Learned

Today we learned about the author and illustrator of a story. The author writes the words, and the illustrator draws the pictures.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Some kids think the author and illustrator are the same person. Others think only the author tells the story. Both are not true because the author writes and the illustrator draws.

Quiz Me

- Who writes the words in a book?
- Who draws the pictures in a book?
- Can the author and illustrator be different people?
- Do pictures help tell the story?
- Can you name a book with your favorite pictures?

Help Me

The author writes the words, and the illustrator draws the pictures. Both help tell the story. For example, in a picture book, the pictures show what the words are saying and add more details and feelings.