## Essential Element, Linkage Levels, and Mini-Map

### ELA: Grade 3

### ELA.EE.L.3.5.a

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**Initial Precursor:**
- Can pay attention to either the entire object, a characteristic of the object, or an action in which the object can perform after some verbal label has been attached to it

**Distal Precursor:**
- Can recognize when he or she encounters familiar people, objects, places, and events

**Proximal Precursor:**
- Can determine when two words have the same, similar, or different meanings or whether meanings of a single word are the same or different

**Target:**
- Can determine the literal meaning of words and phrases using the context in which they are located

**Successor:**
- Can ascertain which words or phrases fit the meaning of literal sentences in a text and can complete those sentences by choosing the best ones

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A diagram showing the relationship of nodes in the mini-map appears below.

**Key to map codes in upper right corner of node boxes:**

- **IP** Initial Precursor
- **SP** Supporting
- **DP** Distal Precursor
- **S** Successor
- **PP** Proximal Precursor
- **UN** Untested
- **T** Target
ELA.EE.L.3.5.a - Determine the literal meaning of words and phrases in context.