## ESSENTIAL ELEMENT, LINKAGE LEVELS, AND MINI-MAP

### ELA: GRADE 7

**ELA.EE.L.7.2.A**

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<td><strong>EMERGENT WRITING (EW.7):</strong></td>
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<td>Use a comma to separate coordinate adjectives (e.g., <em>It was a fascinating, enjoyable movie</em> but not <em>He wore an old[,] green shirt</em>)</td>
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<td>- <strong>Initial Precursor:</strong> Comprehends that all objects have some function or action typically associated with it (object action)</td>
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<td>- <strong>Distal Precursor:</strong> Points to the first word, in the upper left when asked, &quot;Show me where I should start reading&quot;</td>
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**CONVENTIONAL WRITING (CW.7):**
- **Proximal Precursor:** Can demonstrate an understanding that some type of punctuation needs to occur after each sentence and can recognize the different types of end punctuation
- **Target:** Can use appropriately the various types of end punctuation in his or her writing
- **Successor:** Can demonstrate an understanding that commas are a common form of punctuation

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This EE is tested in an ELA writing testlet. Writing testlets are assessed at two levels: Emergent Writing and Conventional Writing. The initial and distal precursor nodes are assessed in the emergent writing testlet in Grade 7 with four other Essential Elements: EE.L.7.2.b, EE.W.7.2.a, EE.W.7.2.b, and EE.W.7.2.d. The proximal precursor, target and successor nodes are assessed in the conventional writing testlet in Grade 7 with four other Essential Elements: EE.L.7.2.b, EE.W.7.2.a, EE.W.7.2.b, and EE.W.7.2.d.

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.7.2.a - Use end punctuation when writing a sentence or question.