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**Distal Precursor:**
- Can determine the meaning of a word when the definition is given using appositives, relative clauses, within a conjunction, or a direct explanation within a text. Examples and restatements may also be used in the sentence

**Proximal Precursor:**
- Can identify what word is missing in a written sentence by using the surrounding words in the sentence and the sentence’s meaning as clues

**Target:**
- Can infer word meaning using semantic clues in the sentence or paragraph, including restatement, illustrations or examples, similes, metaphors, personification, summary, and cause/effect

**Successor:**
- Can infer the meaning of a phrase using semantic clues in the sentence or paragraph, including restatement, illustrations or examples, similes, metaphors, personification, and cause/effect

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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.9-10.4.a - Use context to determine the meaning of unknown words.
ELA-1022
Can rely on syntactic context clues to determine the meaning of an unknown word when the definition is implicit

ELA-1023
Can rely on semantic clues to determine the meaning of a word in context

ELA-1956
Can rely on semantic clues to determine the meaning of a phrase in context

ELA-1563
Can use the surrounding context in a text to identify a missing word