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

**ELA: Grade 4**  
**ELA.EE.RI.4.4**

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**Initial Precursor:**
- Can indicate an object when it is referred to by name

**Distal 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

**Proximal Precursor:**
- 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

**Target:**
- Can identify simple semantic definitions for unambiguous words in a text

**Successor:**
- Can understand that words can have multiple meanings that may include a concrete and psychological meaning (e.g., "sweet")

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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.RI.4.4 - Determine meaning of words in text.

- **F-143**
  Can demonstrate understanding of object names.

- **F-11**
  Can demonstrate understanding of action words.

- **F-8**
  Can demonstrate receptive word order.

- **F-23**
  Can make judgments about the meaning of word(s).

- **ELA-1211**
  Can identify an unknown or missing word in familiar text.

- **ELA-744**
  Can ask questions to clarify the meaning of unknown words in a text.

- **ELA-1192**
  Can determine the words or phrases that can complete literal sentences in a text.

- **ELA-1416**
  Can determine the meaning of unambiguous words in a text.

- **ELA-489**
  Can demonstrate an understanding that words have multiple meanings.