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

**ELA: Grade 6**

**ELA.EE.RI.6.4**

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| **ELA.RI.6.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings | **ELA.EE.RI.6.4** Determine how word choice changes the meaning of a text | **Initial Precursor:**  
• Can demonstrate a receptive understanding of the property words that describe the objects that accompany familiar games or routines  
**Distal Precursor:**  
• Can demonstrate an understanding of words with opposite meanings (e.g., cold, hot, up, down)  
**Proximal Precursor:**  
• Can understanding that words might have a slightly different meaning or use depending on the specific context in which they are used  
**Target:**  
• Can ascertain how the meaning of an informational text is altered by the specific word choices the author makes  
**Successor:**  
• Can determine how word choice in an informational text is used to persuade or inform |

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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.6.4** - Determine how word choice changes the meaning of a text.
ELA-1296
Can demonstrate an understanding that words have different uses in different contexts

ELA-1408
Can determine how word choice influences the meaning of an informational text

ELA-1091
Can determine how word choice in an informational text is used to persuade or inform