**Grade-Level Standard** | **DLM Essential Element** | **Linkage Levels**
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ELA.RL.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including words with multiple meanings or language that is particularly fresh, engaging, or beautiful. (Include Shakespeare as well as other authors.) | ELA.EE.RL.11-12.4 Determine how words or phrases in a text, including words with multiple meanings and figurative language, impact the meaning | **Initial Precursor:**
- Can provide real-life examples of words connected to a use (describe people who are friendly)

**Distal Precursor:**
- Can demonstrate an understanding that when two words have the same meaning, they are synonyms (the student may or may not explicitly use the term synonym, but this term should be used with the student)

**Proximal Precursor:**
- Can demonstrate an understanding that words might have a slightly different meaning or use depending on the specific context in which they are used

**Target:**
- Can determine the specific contextual meaning of a word or phrase as it is used in a single instance in a text or how it is gradually altered throughout the sentences, paragraphs, chapters, and sections of a text, regardless of whether the student may know the word in terms of its typical use

**Successor:**
- Can identify the words and phrases used by a narrative's author to create mystery, tension, or surprise

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A diagram showing the relationship of nodes in the mini-map appears below.
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ELA.EE.RL.11-12.4 - Determine how words or phrases in a text, including words with multiple meanings and figurative language, impact the meaning.
ELA-1401
Can determine how word choice influences the meaning of a narrative

ELA-1174
Can determine the meaning of simple idioms and figures of speech in a narrative.

ELA-1153
Can determine the meaning of words and phrases used in narratives, such as common idioms, analogies, and figures of speech

ELA-1025
Can determine the meaning and impact of words and phrases as defined in a particular text

ELA-1151
Can identify the mystery, tension, and surprise in a narrative