**Grade-Level Standard** | **DLM Essential Element** | **Linkage Levels**
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ELA.RL.4.4 | ELA.EE.RL.4.4 | 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")
**ELA.EE.RL.4.4 -** Determine the meaning of words in a text.

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

- UN
  - F-11
  - Can demonstrate understanding of action words

- UN
  - F-8
  - Can demonstrate receptive word order

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

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

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

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

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

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