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

**ELA: Grade 6**

**ELA.EE.RL.6.4**

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| **ELA.RL.6.4** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of a specific word choice on meaning and tone | **ELA.EE.RL.6.4** Determine how word choice changes the meaning in a text | **Initial Precursor:**  
- Can understand adjectives in others’ speech  
**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 a narrative is influenced by the author's choice of words  
**Successor:**  
- Can infer word meaning using semantic clues in the sentence or paragraph, including restatement, illustrations or examples, similes, metaphors, personification, summary, 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.RL.6.4 - Determine how word choice changes the meaning in a text.

- Can demonstrate understanding of property words
  - Can sort objects on the basis of a property
  - Can draw conclusions based on category knowledge (early inductive reasoning)

- Can demonstrate an understanding of words with opposite meanings
  - Can identify words with the opposite meanings
  - Can identify words with similar or different meanings to a target word
  - Can identify the synonyms and antonyms of a target word
  - Can use the relationship between words to better understand each word's meaning in context

- Can demonstrate an understanding that words have different uses in different contexts
  - Can determine how word choice influences the meaning of a narrative
  - Can rely on semantic clues to determine the meaning of a word in context