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**Initial 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

**Distal Precursor:**
- Can determine the literal meaning of words and phrases using the context in which they are located

**Proximal Precursor:**
- Can determine the meaning of frequently occurring or transparent simple idioms and figures of speech when reading a narrative

**Target:**
- Can identify the commonly understood cultural and/or emotional meaning of words and phrases in a text

**Successor:**
- Can ascertain the figurative meanings of words and phrases in narratives, such as common idioms, analogies, and figures of speech

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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.8.4 - Determine connotative meanings of words and phrases in a text.