# Essential Element, Linkage Levels, and Mini-Map
## Math: Grade 3
### M.EE.3.OA.8

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| **M.3.OA.8** Solve two-step word problems using the four operations. Represent these problems using equations with a letter standing for the unknown quantity. Assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies including rounding | **M.EE. 3.OA.8** Solve one-step real world problems using addition or subtraction within 20 | **Initial Precursor:**  
- Combine sets  
- Partition sets  
**Distal Precursor:**  
- Demonstrate the concept of addition  
- Demonstrate the concept of subtraction  
**Proximal Precursor:**  
- Determine the unknown in an addition equation  
- Determine the unknown in a subtraction equation  
**Target:**  
- Solve subtraction word problems within 100  
- Solve addition word problems within 100  
**Successor:**  
- Solve 2-step addition and subtraction word problems |

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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  
- **DP** Distal Precursor  
- **PP** Proximal Precursor  
- **T** Target  
- **SP** Supporting  
- **S** Successor  
- **UN** Untested
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