# Essential Element, Linkage Levels, and Mini-Map

**Math: Grade 4**

**M.EE.4.NBT.2**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade-Level Standard</th>
<th>DLM Essential Element</th>
<th>Linkage Levels</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| M.4.NBT.2            | M.EE.4.NBT.2 Compare whole numbers to 10 using symbols (=, <, >) | Initial Precursor:  
• Recognize set  
• Recognize separateness  
Distal Precursor:  
• Count all objects in a set or subset  
• Recognize same number of  
• Recognize different number of  
Proximal Precursor:  
• Compare 2 quantities up to 10 using models  
Target:  
• Compare 2 numerals up to 10 using symbols (=, <, >)  
Successor:  
• Order more than 2 one-digit numerals or quantities from greatest to least  
• Compare 2 numerals up to 100 using symbols (=, <, >)  
• Order more than 2 one-digit numerals or quantities from least to greatest |

© 2018 The Dynamic Learning Maps Essential Elements, linkage levels, and nodes are copyrighted by the University of Kansas Center for Research. Linkage levels and nodes are available for use by educators in DLM states but may not be used by commercial entities without written permission. Linkage level information and nodes may not be altered by anyone without express written permission from the University of Kansas Center for Research.

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
M.EE.4.NBT.2 Compare whole numbers to 10 using symbols (=, <, >)