Designated ELD  
Model Sentences Database

NOTE: Please remember that the text from which these model sentences were selected must be used first during content instruction for instructional/comprehension purposes before the model sentences are used to examine "How English Works" (linguistic features) during Designated ELD.

| Recommended for the Following Grade Level(s) | ☐ Kindergarten  ☒ Fourth  
|                                            |  ☐ First        ☐ Fifth  
|                                            |  ☐ Second      ☐ Sixth  
|                                            |  ☐ Third       |

| Standard (i.e., ELD.PII.2.3) | ELD.PII.4.2a  
| Strand (i.e., Using verbs and verb phrases) | Understanding cohesion  
| Refer to grade and proficiency level standards for planning. |

| Name of Book, Story or Selection | My Brothers’ Flying Machine  
| Author | Jane Yolen  
| Name of Textbook (if it comes from a textbook) | CA Treasures (Grade 4, Unit 4 Week 5)  
| Page Number(s) on which to Find the Model Sentences | 516  
| Lexile Level (either of the book or the actual model sentences passage) | 710 |

**Model Sentences for Day 1 (linguistic features not bolded)**

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**Model Sentences for Day 2+ (linguistic features bolded)**

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**Focus Question**

How do pronouns help us comprehend a text by referring us back and forward within the text?

**Guiding Questions**

What is the pronoun? What does it refer to? How does the pronoun help us understand the text? 

*Use this questioning protocol for each sentence of the model sentences passage.*

**Wrap-Up Question**

How do pronouns help us comprehend a text?
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(Modified by MMED) |
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