



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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fourth <input type="checkbox"/> First <input type="checkbox"/> Fifth <input type="checkbox"/> Second <input type="checkbox"/> Sixth <input type="checkbox"/> Third
Standard (i.e., ELD.PII.2.3)	ELD.PII.4.2b
Strand (i.e., Using verbs and verb phrases) <i>Refer to grade and proficiency level standards for planning.</i>	Understanding cohesion

Name of Book, Story or Selection	The Life and Times of the Ant
Author	Charles Micucci
Name of Textbook (if it comes from a textbook)	California Treasures Anthology, Grade 4
Page Number(s) on which to Find the Model Sentences	445
Lexile Level (either of the book or the actual model sentences passage)	960L

Model Sentences for Day 1 (linguistic features not bolded)

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During the next three months, the eggs develop through four stages: gg, larva, pupa, and adult ant. After they have hatched, the first workers assume the duties of the colony. They search for food and protect the queen. As the queen lays more eggs, the workers enlarge the nest.

Model Sentences for Day 2+ (linguistic features bolded)

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Focus Question	How do connecting words link ideas and events in the text?
Guiding Questions	What is the connecting word in this sentence? How does it connect the events throughout the text? Use this questioning protocol for each sentence of the model sentences passage.
Wrap-Up Question	How do connecting words link ideas and events in the text?
School	Del Olmo Elementary (Modified by MMED)

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