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.K.3b, ELD.PII.1.3b

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Refer to grade and proficiency level standards for planning.

Name of Book, Story or Selection  
Kitten’s First Full Moon

Author  
Kevin Henkes

Name of Textbook (if it comes from a textbook)  

Page Number(s) on which to Find the Model Sentences  
1-8

Lexile Level (either of the book or the actual model sentences passage)  
360L

Model Sentences for Day 1 (linguistic features not bolded)  
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Focus Question  
How does the writer use verbs and verb phrases to convey time?

Guiding Questions  
Identify the verbs in the passage.  
What do you notice about them?  
Why does the writer use these verbs in this passage?  
How do these verbs help the reader understand the events in the passage?  
Use this questioning protocol for each sentence of the model sentences passage.

Wrap-Up Question  
How did the verbs help the reader understand time in the passage?

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