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

Standard (i.e., ELD.PII.2.3)
ELD.PII.2.3b, ELD.PII.3.3

Strand (i.e., Using verbs and verb phrases)
Refer to grade and proficiency level standards for planning.

Name of Book, Story or Selection Where Do Polar Bears Live?
Author Sarah Thomson
Name of Textbook (if it comes from a textbook)
Page Number(s) on which to Find the Model Sentences Pg. 25
Lexile Level (either of the book or the actual model sentences passage) 690

Model Sentences for Day 1 (linguistic features not bolded)
The mother polar bear did not eat for months while she was in her den. She has lost hundreds of pounds. Now she needs to hunt. She smells a seal’s breathing hole through three feet of snow and settles down to wait. She doesn’t twitch a foot or take a step. If the seal hears the smallest sound, it will dart away to another hole.

Model Sentences for Day 2+ (linguistic features bolded)
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Focus Question
How do verbs, verb types and verb tenses convey time in a text?

Guiding Questions
1. Let’s look at the first sentence. What are the verbs in that sentence?
2. What tense is the verb?
3. How is the verb conveying time in the sentence?

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

Wrap-Up Question
How do verbs, verb types and verb tenses convey time in a text?

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