		Anchor Standard (RL.3) interact over the course of a	MAIN ACADEMIC DEMAND  Analyze Cause and Effect Interactions between Key  Text Elements				
		Grade Prekindergarten nswer questions about chara	GRADE LEVEL ACADEMIC DEMAND  Describe Characters and Major Events				
5 Levels of Language Development		Entering (Beginner)	Emerging (Low Intermediate)	Transitioning (High Intermediate)	Expanding (Advanced)	Commanding (Proficient)	
When acquiring a new language, using grade level texts and appropriate supports, students are able to:							
RECEPTIVE		Organize illustrated, pretaught words in a pocket chart to connect two or more characters and major events, during/after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	Organize illustrated, preidentified words in a pocket chart to connect two or more characters and major events, during/after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	Organize illustrated, preidentified words and phrases in a pocket chart to connect multiple characters and major events, during/ after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	Organize illustrated words and phrases from a bank in a pocket chart, after teacher modeling, to connect multiple characters and major events, during/ after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	Organize illustrated words and phrases from a bank in a pocket chart, independently, to connect multiple characters and major events, during/after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	
PRODUCTIVE	Oracy and Literacy Links	Use illustrated, pretaught words to complete sentence starters that ask and answer questions about characters and major events, during/after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	Use illustrated, preidentified words to complete sentence starters that ask and answer questions about characters and major events, during/ after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	Use illustrated, preidentified words and phrases and a previously completed pocket chart to ask and answer questions about characters and major events, during/after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	Use sentence starters and a previously completed pocket chart to ask and answer questions about characters and major events, during/after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	Use a previously completed pocket chart to independently ask and answer questions about characters and major events, during/after a read aloud, shared reading or independent reading time	
		in the new and/or the home language.	in the <i>new and/or the home</i> language.	in the <i>new and</i> , occasionally, in the home language.	in the new language.	in the new language.	

**Common Core Grade Prekindergarten Standard (RL.PK.3):** With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about characters and major events in a story.

## GRADE LEVEL ACADEMIC DEMAND Describe Characters and Major Events

**Linguistic Demands:** The following are examples in English that may vary based on the language of instruction. In the first three levels (entering, emerging and transitioning), students can approach these linguistic demands in the new and/or home language.

Use who, what, where, why and how question forms based on the text about the characters and events in the story.

- WHO questions and answers target the subject(s) who were involved in an event.
- WHERE questions and answers refer to the place (or even circumstances) where an event takes place.
- WHY refers to the cause/reason that triggers an event. It can be explicitly stated in the text or it may require an inference.
- WHAT questions and answers refer to the event that took place.
- HOW questions and answers refer to the sequence that leads to the main event. (Timelines and plots can be part of explaining the HOW of an event.) HOW can also be covered by WHAT, WHERE and WHEN.

## **Example to Address the Linguistic Demands**

Text Excerpt	Teacher Directions
"Mother Bear, Mother Bear, Where are you?" calls Little Bear.  "Oh, dear, Mother Bear is not here, and today is my birthday.  "I think my friends will come, but I do not see a birthday cake. My goodness – no birthday cake. What can I do?  "The pot is by the fire. The water in the pot is hot. If I put something in the water, I can make Birthday Soup. All my friends like soup.  "Let me see what we have. We have carrots and potatoes, peas and tomatoes; I can make soup with carrots, potatoes, peas and tomatoes."  So Little Bear begins to make soup in the big black pot. First, Hen comes in.  "Happy Birthday, Little Bear," she says. "Thank you, Hen," says Little Bear.  Hen says, "My! Something smells good here. Is it in the big black pot?"	In a mini lesson, small group or whole class, demonstrate understanding of key details in a text by asking and answering questions to:  • WHO questions and answers target the subject(s) (nouns and associated pronouns) who were involved in an event (bold) (e.g., associate Little Bear with I, my with my friends and my birthday, Hen with she) and by asking who questions (e.g., Who is celebrating his birthday?).  • WHERE questions and answers refer to the place (nouns) (or even circumstances) where an event takes place. In this text the place is not explicitly stated but the inference can be supported by a where question (e.g., Where might Little Bear be?).  • WHY refers to the cause/reason that triggers an event. It can be explicitly stated in the text or it may require an inference supported by a why question (e.g., Why is Little Bear making soup?).  • WHAT questions and answers refer to the event (verbs) (italics) (e.g., is, think, see, can, make, come) and by asking what questions (e.g., What was Little Bear doing?).  • HOW question and answers refer to the sequence that leads to the main event or
Minarik, E.H. (1957). <i>Little bear</i> . In <i>Birthday soup</i> . (M. Sendak, Illus.). New York: HarperCollins. (From Appendix B, CCSS, p. 14.)	conflict (focus on the sequence of the verbs or actions: is, think, see, can, make, some) and by asking how questions (e.g., How will Little Bear celebrate his birthday?).