Lesson 4

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Using Context Clues

The vowel pair **ei** can spell the **long e** sound, as in **deceit**. The vowel digraph **ie** can also spell the **long e** sound, as in **believe**. The vowel digraph **ei** can spell the **long a** sound, as in **freight**.

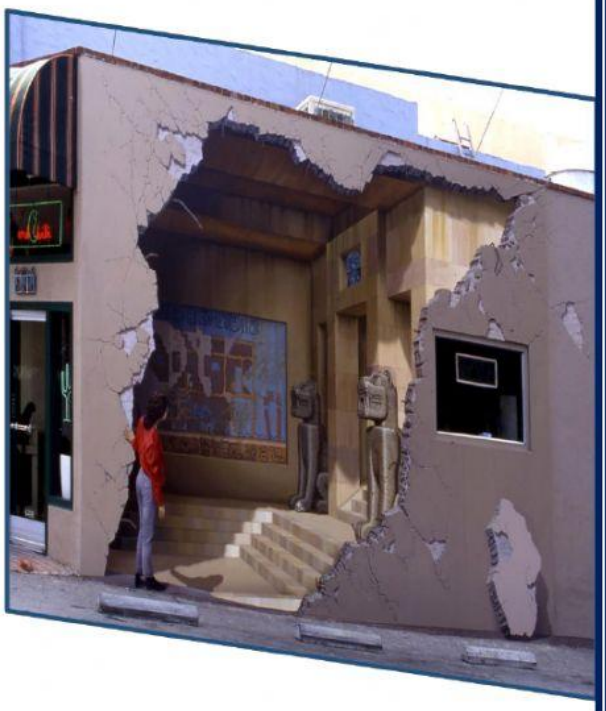
When do you not believe what you see?

Seeing Isn't Believing

Imagine you are walking down a street, and you see a door. You take a brief look and reach for the doorknob. You can't get your hand around it. The door won't open. Then, you realize you've been **deceived**! There's no door. There's no doorknob, **either**. It's just wall painting, or a mural.

A painting this real proves that you can't always **believe** what you see. The French have a name for that kind of art. They call it *trompe l'oeil* (trawmp-loy). These words mean "fool the eye." Trompe l'oeil has been around since ancient times. It creates a look of great depth.

Many artists are turning blank walls into **pieces** of *trompe l'oeil* art. Any scene you could conceive of can be created. Three-foot-wide flowers painted on a hotel wall look so bright you will **shield** your eyes.



The painter John Pugh worked hard to **achieve** the look of a decaying building, and he certainly succeeded.

Someone who saw the mural even complained that the building's wall needed to be repaired! These mural paintings also work indoors. A clever artist can turn a boring ceiling into an eighty piece puzzle. There's no end to the images these artists of **deceit** can create.

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the **list word** from one of the clouds below that best replaces the underlined word or words in each sentence.

1. The sign told us to <u>surrender</u> to the right of way. _____
2. I <u>trust</u> that it's time to go now. _____
3. I don't believe they <u>tricked</u> us like that. _____
4. Tears are sometimes a sign of <u>painful sorrow</u>. _____
5. We send <u>goods</u> by mail boat to the Family Islands. _____
6. Michael wore shades to <u>protect</u> his eyes. _____
7. The king's <u>dishonesty</u> angered the nation. _____
8. Who could <u>imagine</u> such a crazy idea? _____
9. You may sit at <u>whichever</u> end of the table. _____
10. <u>Not either</u> Jim nor Allan enjoyed the movie. _____

deceived
received brief
believe leisure

freight vein
shield pieces
eighty

niece yield
either neither
deceit

review grief
thief achieve
conceive

Tip of the week

Look for different kinds of context clues. Ask yourself, "Does the sentence have a synonym for the unknown word? Does the sentence give a definition for the word?