

# 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

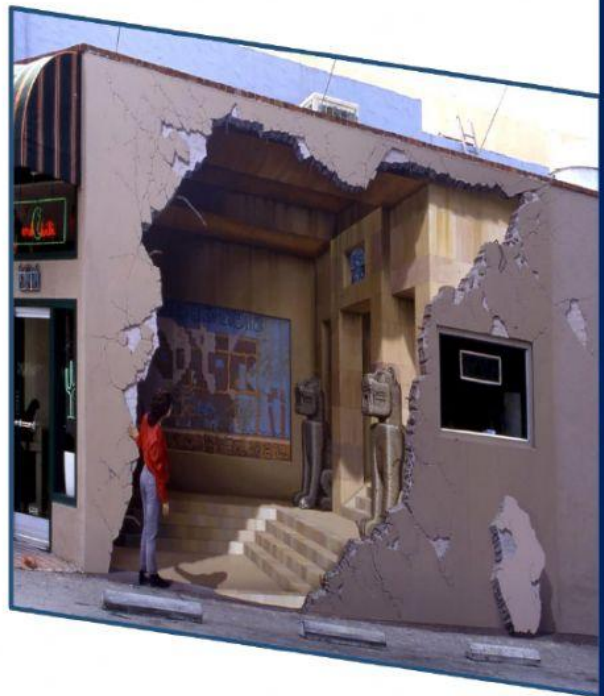
Imagine you are walking down a street, and you see a door. You take a brief look and reach for the doorknob. You can't get your hand around it. The door won't open. Then, you realize you've been **deceived**! There's no door. There's no doorknob, **either**. It's just wall painting, or a mural.

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-loi). 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 surrender to the right of way. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I trust that it's time to go now. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I don't believe they tricked us like that. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tears are sometimes a sign of painful sorrow. \_\_\_\_\_
5. We send goods by mail boat to the Family Islands. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Michael wore shades to protect his eyes. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The king's dishonesty angered the nation. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who could imagine such a crazy idea? \_\_\_\_\_
9. You may sit at whichever end of the table. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Not either 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?"