

# Vocabulary in *Seeing What Other's Don't* - Chapter IV

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| <b>corrugate</b>  | v. | to form or shape into wrinkles or folds or into alternating ridges and grooves :furrow  |
| <b>squiggle</b>   | n. | a short line with many curves :a short, wavy line<br><i>His handwriting looks like a bunch of squiggles.</i>  |
| <b>elate</b>      | v. | to make (someone) very happy and excited<br><i>The discovery has elated researchers.</i>  |
| <b>ostracize</b>  | v. | to not allow (someone) to be included in a group :to exclude (someone) from a group<br><i>She was ostracized from/by the scientific community for many years because of her radical political beliefs.</i>                |
| <b>backfield</b>  | n. | the area of the field that is behind the line of scrimmage<br><i>a tackle made in the backfield</i>   |
| <b>attune</b>     | v. | to cause (a person, company, etc.) to have a better understanding of what is needed or wanted by a particular person or group usually + to<br><i>It is important to attune the company to the needs of its customers.</i> |
| <b>reschedule</b> | v. | to schedule (something) for a different time or date<br><i>She called to reschedule her appointment.</i>  |
| <b>blip</b>       | n. | a bright dot on the screen of an electronic device (such as a radar)<br><i>The approaching ship appeared as a blip on the screen.</i>   |
| <b>lampoon</b>    | v. | to publicly criticize (someone or something) in a way that causes laughter :to mock or make fun of (someone or something)<br><i>The politician was lampooned in cartoons.</i>   |
| <b>miasma</b>     | n. | a heavy cloud of something unpleasant or unhealthy usually singular<br><i>A miasma of smog settled over the city.</i>   |
| <b>fullback</b>   | n. | a player on offense who lines up behind the line of scrimmage and who runs with the ball and blocks   |
| <b>quasar</b>     | n. | a very bright object in space that is similar to a star and that is very far away from the Earth and gives off powerful radio waves   |
| <b>antacid</b>    | n. | medicine that prevents or lessens the pain caused by having too much acid in your stomach   |
| <b>bronco</b>     | n. | a wild horse of western North America<br><i>a rodeo featuring bucking broncos</i>   |
| <b>pulsar</b>     | n. | a type of star that gives off a rapidly repeating series of radio waves   |
| <b>corkscrew</b>  | n. | a tool that is used to pull corks from bottles  |
| <b>pylorus</b>    | n. | the muscular opening from the vertebrate stomach into the intestine   |
| <b>rafter</b>     | n. | one of the large, long pieces of wood that support a roof usually plural<br><i>a room with beautiful exposed rafters</i>  |
| <b>cardiology</b> | n. | the study of the heart and of diseases that affect the heart<br><i>a doctor who specializes in cardiology</i>   |
| <b>physic</b>     | v. | to treat with or administer medicine to   |
| <b>touchdown</b>  | n. | a score that is made by carrying the ball over the opponent's goal line or by catching the ball while standing in the end zone<br><i>He scored a touchdown.</i>   |

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| <b>swab</b>           | v.   | to wipe or clean (something, such as a wound) with a swab<br><i>The nurse swabbed the cut with a disinfectant.</i>  |
| <b>skeptic</b>        | n.   | a person who questions or doubts something (such as a claim or statement)<br><i>Skeptics have pointed out flaws in the researchers' methods.</i>  |
| <b>gulp</b>           | v.   | to eat or swallow (something) quickly or in large amounts<br><i>She told him not to gulp his food.</i>  |
| <b>redirect</b>       | v.   | to change the path or direction of (something)<br><i>They dug trenches near the river to redirect the flow of the water.</i>  |
| <b>contaminate</b>    | v.   | to make (something) dangerous, dirty, or impure by adding something harmful or undesirable to it<br><i>The water was contaminated [=polluted] with chemicals.</i>                                 |
| <b>gastritis</b>      | n.   | a painful condition in which the inside surface of the stomach becomes inflamed   |
| <b>hoax</b>           | v.   | to trick or deceive (someone) usually used as (be) hoaxed<br><i>People were hoaxed by the Web site.</i>   |
| <b>antidepressant</b> | n.   | a drug that is used to relieve or prevent depression in a person  |
| <b>delirious</b>      | adj. | not able to think or speak clearly especially because of fever or other illness<br><i>As the child's temperature went up, he became delirious and didn't know where he was.</i>                   |
| <b>craze</b>          | n.   | something that is very popular for a period of time<br><i>the latest dance/fashion/music craze</i>  |
| <b>coincidental</b>   | adj. | happening because of a coincidence :not planned<br><i>The fact that he and his boss went to the same college was purely/entirely/completely coincidental.</i>                                     |
| <b>deflect</b>        | v.   | to cause (something that is moving) to change direction<br><i>armor that can deflect bullets</i>  |
| <b>vomit</b>          | v.   | to have the food, liquid, etc., that is in your stomach come out through your mouth because you are sick<br><i>I feel like I am going to vomit. [(less formally) throw up]</i>                    |
| <b>taint</b>          | v.   | to hurt or damage the good condition of (something) often used as (be) tainted<br><i>The reputation of the university has been tainted [=blemished, marred] by athletic scandals.</i>             |
| <b>packer</b>         | n.   | a person or company that prepares and packages products and sends them to people or stores<br><i>She worked as a packer for a candy company.</i>  |
| <b>stumble</b>        | v.   | to hit your foot on something when you are walking or running so that you fall or almost fall :trip<br><i>I stumbled on the uneven pavement.</i>  |
| <b>sufferer</b>       | n.   | a person who has a particular illness or condition<br><i>asthma sufferers</i>   |
| <b>hindsight</b>      | n.   | the knowledge and understanding that you have about an event only after it has happened<br><i>It's easy for us to say that the war was wrong, but we have the advantage/benefit of hindsight.</i> |
| <b>peritonitis</b>    | n.   | a serious condition in which the covering of the stomach, intestines, and nearby organs becomes swollen and infected  |
| <b>pathologist</b>    | n.   | a doctor who specializes in pathology   |
| <b>stench</b>         | n.   | a very bad smell :stink<br><i>the stench of rotting meat</i>  |
| <b>culprit</b>        | n.   | a person who has committed a crime or done something wrong<br><i>The police eventually located the culprits.</i>  |

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| <b>thwart</b>       | v.   | to prevent (someone) from doing something or to stop (something) from happening<br><i>She did all she could to thwart his plans.</i>  |
| <b>pathogen</b>     | n.   | something (such as a type of bacteria or a virus) that causes disease<br><i>a deadly pathogen</i>   |
| <b>cripple</b>      | v.   | to cause (a person or animal) to be unable to move or walk normally<br>usually used as (be) crippled<br><i>Thousands of people have been crippled by the disease.</i>   |
| <b>roentgen</b>     | adj. | of or relating to X-rays<br><i>roentgen examinations</i>  |
| <b>credence</b>     | n.   | belief that something is true<br><i>I place/put little credence in statistics. [=I generally do not believe statistics]</i>   |
| <b>bacterium</b>    | n.   | any one of a group of very small living things that often cause disease<br>usually plural<br><i>Keep the wound clean and dry to prevent the growth of bacteria.</i>   |
| <b>bounce</b>       | v.   | to cause (a ball, rock, etc.) to hit against a surface and quickly move in a different and usually opposite direction<br><i>He was bouncing a tennis ball against/off the garage door.</i>                    |
| <b>lull</b>         | v.   | to cause (someone) to fall asleep or become sleepy<br><i>The music lulled him to sleep.</i>   |
| <b>overrun</b>      | v.   | to enter and be present in (a place) in large numbers<br><i>The tank divisions overran the countryside.</i>   |
| <b>unsure</b>       | adj. | not certain about something :not sure<br><i>He was unsure whether she had reserved a room or not.</i>   |
| <b>quarantine</b>   | v.   | to keep (a person or animal) away from others to prevent a disease from spreading :to put or keep (a person or animal) in quarantine<br><i>The hospital quarantined the infected patients.</i>                |
| <b>crank</b>        | v.   | to move (something) by turning a crank usually + up or down<br><i>Will you crank up/down [=roll up/down] the window?</i>  |
| <b>diagnose</b>     | v.   | to recognize (a disease, illness, etc.) by examining someone<br><i>The test is used to help in diagnosing heart disease.</i>  |
| <b>concurrence</b>  | n.   | the state of agreeing with someone or something :agreement<br><i>The bill was passed with the full concurrence of the Senate. [=everyone in the Senate agreed to pass the bill]</i>                           |
| <b>specialize</b>   | v.   | to limit your business or area of study to one specific subject<br><i>Some carpenters do a wide range of jobs, while others specialize.</i>   |
| <b>microbiology</b> | n.   | a science that studies extremely small forms of life (such as bacteria and viruses)<br><i>a degree in microbiology</i>  |
| <b>irregularity</b> | n.   | the quality or state of being irregular<br><i>the irregularity of his behavior</i>  |
| <b>halo</b>         | n.   | a circle of light that is shown in a religious painting, drawing, etc., around the head of a holy figure (such as an angel, saint, or god) often used figuratively<br><i>the child's halo of golden curls</i> |
| <b>infect</b>       | v.   | to cause (someone or something) to become sick or affected by disease<br><i>If you're sick you should stay home to avoid infecting other people in the office.</i>  |
| <b>grind</b>        | v.   | to crush or break (something) into very small pieces by rubbing it against a rough surface or using a special machine<br><i>Grind (up) the coffee beans into a fine powder.</i>                               |
| <b>flaw</b>         | n.   | a small physical problem (such as a crack) that makes something less valuable :defect   |

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|                     |      | <i>There was a flaw in the vase.</i>  |
| <b>disrupt</b>      | v.   | to cause (something) to be unable to continue in the normal way :to interrupt the normal progress or activity of (something)<br><i>Protesters disrupted the conference.</i>   |
| <b>phantom</b>      | adj. | coming from or associated with the world of ghosts<br><i>People claim to have seen a phantom ship floating on the lake.</i>   |
| <b>crawl</b>        | v.   | to move on your hands and knees<br><i>Does the baby crawl yet?</i>  |
| <b>atypical</b>     | adj. | not typical :not usual or normal<br><i>an atypical case</i>   |
| <b>archive</b>      | v.   | to collect and store materials (such as recordings, documents, or computer files) so that they can be found and used when they are needed<br><i>The organization was devoted to cataloging and archiving printed materials on the labor movement.</i> |
| <b>spurious</b>     | adj. | not genuine, sincere, or authentic<br><i>spurious [=fake] gems</i>  |
| <b>desperation</b>  | n.   | a strong feeling of sadness, fear, and loss of hope<br><i>She felt overcome by desperation.</i>   |
| <b>oddly</b>        | adv. | in a strange or unusual way<br><i>the house's oddly shaped roof</i>   |
| <b>broth</b>        | n.   | liquid in which food (such as meat) has been cooked<br><i>chicken broth</i>   |
| <b>mosquito</b>     | n.   | a small flying insect that bites the skin of people and animals and sucks their blood<br><i>a swarm of mosquitoes</i>   |
| <b>discard</b>      | v.   | to throw (something) away because it is useless or unwanted<br><i>Remove and discard the stems.</i>   |
| <b>bust</b>         | v.   | to break (something): such as<br><i>He busted his watch when he fell.</i>   |
| <b>forge</b>        | v.   | to form something by heating and shaping metal<br><i>forging hooks out of pieces of iron = forging pieces of iron into hooks</i>  |
| <b>technician</b>   | n.   | a person whose job relates to the practical use of machines or science in industry, medicine, etc.<br><i>medical/X-ray/laboratory technicians</i>   |
| <b>leak</b>         | v.   | to let something (such as a liquid or gas) in or out through a hole in a surface<br><i>The roof was leaking. [=rainwater was getting into the building through the roof]</i>  |
| <b>speculate</b>    | v.   | to think about something and make guesses about it :to form ideas or theories about something usually when there are many things not known about it<br><i>She could only speculate about/on her friend's motives.</i>                                 |
| <b>impurity</b>     | n.   | the quality or state of being impure<br><i>the impurity of the water</i>  |
| <b>ridicule</b>     | v.   | to laugh at and make jokes about (someone or something) in a cruel or harsh way :to make fun of (someone or something)<br><i>The other kids ridiculed him for the way he dressed.</i>   |
| <b>barium</b>       | n.   | a chemical element that is a soft silver-white metal  |
| <b>irresistible</b> | adj. | impossible to resist especially because of strength or attractiveness<br><i>The force of the waves was irresistible.</i>  |
| <b>anomaly</b>      | n.   | something that is unusual or unexpected :something anomalous<br><i>A storm like that is an anomaly for this area. [=a storm like that does not usually happen in this area]</i>   |

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| <b>provoke</b>      | v.           | to cause the occurrence of (a feeling or action) :to make (something) happen<br><i>His remarks provoked both tears and laughter.</i>  |
| <b>observatory</b>  | n.           | a special building for studying stars, planets, weather, etc. :a building from which scientists study and watch the sky<br><i>the McDonald Observatory</i>  |
| <b>bizarre</b>      | adj.         | very unusual or strange<br><i>His behavior was bizarre.</i>   |
| <b>deprive</b>      | v.           | to take something away from someone or something :to not allow (someone or something) to have or keep (something)<br><i>The change in her status deprived her of access to classified information.</i>                                  |
| <b>tackle</b>       | v.           | to forcefully seize (someone) and cause that person to fall to the ground<br><i>The police officer tackled him as he tried to escape.</i>   |
| <b>nausea</b>       | n.           | the feeling you have in your stomach when you think you are going to vomit<br><i>Some people experience nausea when flying.</i>   |
| <b>inspect</b>      | v.           | to look at (something) carefully in order to learn more about it, to find problems, etc.<br><i>The border guard inspected [=examined] their passports.</i>  |
| <b>antibiotic</b>   | n.           | a drug that is used to kill harmful bacteria and to cure infections   |
| <b>cod</b>          | abbreviation | ash on delivery; collect on delivery used to indicate that payment must be made when something is delivered<br><i>The merchandise was shipped C.O.D.</i>  |
| <b>evolve</b>       | v.           | to change or develop slowly often into a better, more complex, or more advanced state :to develop by a process of evolution<br><i>Some believe that birds evolved from dinosaurs. = Some believe that dinosaurs evolved into birds.</i> |
| <b>maiden</b>       | adj.         | not married<br><i>my maiden aunt</i>  |
| <b>infer</b>        | v.           | to form (an opinion) from evidence :to reach (a conclusion) based on known facts<br><i>It's difficult to infer how these changes will affect ordinary citizens.</i>   |
| <b>arouse</b>       | v.           | to cause (an emotional or mental state)<br><i>He tried to sneak past without arousing suspicion. [=without causing people to become suspicious]</i>   |
| <b>ulcer</b>        | n.           | a painful, sore area inside or outside the body<br><i>a stomach ulcer</i>   |
| <b>diode</b>        | n.           | an electronic device that allows an electric current to flow in one direction only  |
| <b>ultraviolet</b>  | adj.         | used to describe rays of light that cannot be seen and that are slightly shorter than the rays of violet light<br><i>ultraviolet light/radiation</i>  |
| <b>articulate</b>   | adj.         | able to express ideas clearly and effectively in speech or writing<br><i>She's an intelligent and articulate speaker.</i>   |
| <b>surveillance</b> | n.           | the act of carefully watching someone or something especially in order to prevent or detect a crime<br><i>government surveillance of suspected terrorists</i>   |
| <b>gut</b>          | adj.         | relating to or based on emotions :not based on logic or reason<br><i>a gut feeling/reaction</i>   |
| <b>consume</b>      | v.           | to eat or drink (something)<br><i>The dogs consume [=eat] a bag of dog food each week.</i>  |
| <b>conclusive</b>   | adj.         | showing that something is certainly true<br><i>conclusive evidence/proof</i>  |
| <b>dismiss</b>      | v.           | to decide not to think about or consider (something or someone)   |

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|                    |      | <i>We dismissed his accusations.</i>  |
| <b>furious</b>     | adj. | very angry<br><i>She's furious at/over how slowly the investigation is proceeding.</i>  |
| <b>nova</b>        | n.   | a star that suddenly increases greatly in brightness and then within a few months or years becomes less bright again  |
| <b>penicillin</b>  | n.   | a medicine that is used to kill harmful bacteria  |
| <b>knock</b>       | v.   | to hit something (such as a door) with the knuckles of your hand or with a hard object (such as a knocker) in order to get people's attention<br><i>I heard someone knocking (at the door).</i>   |
| <b>infrared</b>    | adj. | producing or using rays of light that cannot be seen and that are longer than rays that produce red light<br><i>infrared radiation/beams</i>  |
| <b>omission</b>    | n.   | something that has not been included or done :something that has been omitted<br><i>There are a few omissions in the list/book.</i>   |
| <b>spark</b>       | v.   | to cause (something) to start or happen<br><i>The question sparked a debate.</i>  |
| <b>transmit</b>    | v.   | to send (information, sound, etc.) in the form of electrical signals to a radio, television, computer, etc.<br><i>The technology allows data to be transmitted by cellular phones.</i>  |
| <b>trigger</b>     | v.   | to cause (something, such as an alarm) to start functioning<br><i>Smoke triggered the fire alarm.</i>   |
| <b>recorder</b>    | n.   | a device that records sounds or images or both so that they can be heard or seen again<br><i>She works as the clerk and recorder at the county courthouse.</i>  |
| <b>coincidence</b> | n.   | a situation in which events happen at the same time in a way that is not planned or expected<br><i>It was mere/pure/sheer coincidence that brought them together so far from Chicago.</i>   |
| <b>transistor</b>  | n.   | a small device that is used to control the flow of electricity in radios, computers, etc.   |
| <b>intestine</b>   | n.   | a long tube in the body that helps digest food after it leaves the stomach  |
| <b>mold</b>        | v.   | to form or press (something, such as wax, plastic, clay, or dough) into a particular shape<br><i>mold dough into loaves of bread</i>  |
| <b>appetite</b>    | n.   | a physical desire for food<br><i>He has a healthy/good/hearty appetite.</i>   |
| <b>expose</b>      | v.   | to leave (something) without covering or protection<br><i>The shingles had fallen off, exposing the wood underneath.</i>  |
| <b>digest</b>      | v.   | to change (food that you have eaten) by a biological process into simpler forms that can be used by the body<br><i>He has trouble digesting certain foods.</i>  |
| <b>inverse</b>     | adj. | used to describe two things that are related in such a way that as one becomes larger the other becomes smaller<br><i>The study indicates an inverse relationship between the unemployment rate and inflation. [=as the unemployment rate drops, inflation rises]</i> |
| <b>spiral</b>      | v.   | to move in a circle around a central point while getting closer to or farther away from it :to move in a spiral<br><i>Smoke spiraled up from the chimney.</i>   |