

Table 6.1: Four-Step Strategy for Inferring Word Meanings From Context

Step	Actions
1. Read and Question	Read carefully. Frequently ask yourself, "Does this make sense?"
2. Slow Advance	Notice when you don't know the meaning of a word and slow down. Read that sentence at least once more, looking for clues.
3. Stop and Rewind	If necessary, go back and reread the preceding sentence, looking for clues that help you figure out what the word might mean.
4. Read and Question	When you figure out what the word might mean, substitute your guess for the difficult word and see if it makes sense. If it does, keep on reading. If it doesn't, stop and rewind, and try again.

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