VOCABULARY UNIT 4

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| Word | Definition |
| anecdote | A short account of an incident in someone’s life |
| braggart | A boaster; boastful in a loud, annoying way |
| coincide | To be in full agreement; to be the same in nature, character, or function; to happen at the same time |
| docile | Easily taught, led or managed; obedient |
| fluctuate | To change often from high to low levels or from one thing to another in an unpredictable way |
| cynical | Inclined to believe the worst in people; bitterly mocking or sneering |
| iota | A very small part or quantity |
| transition | A word or phrase in writing that smoothly connects one topic to the next |
| active listener | Listener who hears the message being sent, conveys understanding, and offers verbal/nonverbal feedback |
| context | Parts of a written or spoken statement that precede or follow a specific word or passage, usually influencing its meaning or effect |
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| **HOMONYMS WEEK 8** | |
| **Knew-past tense of know**  I knew how to fix the bike. | **New-modern or recent; not old**  I need to buy a new bike. |
| **Than-used to compare things**  Bob is older than Sam. | **Then-tells when**  Do your chores, then we’ll go to the store. |
| **Weak-not strong**  I was so sick, I was too weak to answer the door. | **Week-7 days**  Last week we had two days off. |
| **Which-a pronoun used to ask what one or ones**  Which dog is yours? | **Witch-a woman believed to have supernatural powers**  I want to be a witch for Halloween. |

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| 1. **itinerary**   (Sadlier-Oxford Lvl E) | n | A route of travel; a record of travel; a guidebook | Schedule, program |
| 1. **Quandary**   (Sadlier-Oxford Lvl E) | n | A state of perplexity or doubt | Confusion, dilemma, predicament |
| 1. **catalyst**   (Sadlier-Oxford Lvl D) | n | A substance that causes or hastens a chemical reaction; an agent that causes change | Stimulus, cause, instigator |
| 1. **omnipotent**   (Sadlier-Oxford Lvl E) | Adj. | Almighty, having unlimited power or authority | all-powerful |
| 1. **heritage**   (Sadlier-Oxford Lvl C) | noun | An inheritance; a birthright | Legacy, ancestry, descent |

**Sample Sentences**

1. Look on our vacation **itinerary** to find out when we are flying to London.
2. I am in a **quandary** as to whether we should go on vacation this week or next week.
3. The invention of the telephone was a great **catalyst** in improving communications.
4. That country is ruled by an **omnipotent** dictator.
5. As I’ve gotten older, I’ve learned to embrace my Hispanic **heritage**.