Unit One: Chapter 4

- deterrent
- implication
- inequity
- infirmity
- infringe

- innovation
- revitalize
- sparse
- subjective
- succinct
TEN WORDS IN CONTEXT

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That no one will be getting a raise is suggested by the boss’s announcement. That Joaquin will get a special deal is suggested by the salesman’s wink.
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If Rick uses a wheelchair, he must have a disability. Arthritis and diabetes are disabilities.
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If the protesters don’t interfere with other people’s rights to enter and exit, they may picket. If the mother is doing her homework, no one would be allowed to interfere with her quiet time.
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The thick forests at the foot of the mountain are contrasted with the thin scattering of trees higher up. If the organizers hope for better attendance next time, the turnout must have been thin.
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If Martina feels her son is brilliant in every respect, she must be a one-sided judge of his abilities. If the reporter’s story would be biased, it would be one-sided.
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“What’s new?” is brief and clear.