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LIFE IS THE CLASSROOM - IMMERSE YOURSELF

Activity 1:

Now that you have learned about how to guess the meaning of new words that you hear by using the SPOT strategy, you can start to use it to learn the vocabulary you need in your professional and/or personal life!

For this activity, watch a video, attend a public lecture or meeting, or just eavesdrop on English speakers having a conversation. While you listen, use the SPOT strategy to guess the meaning of new words you hear. Don't worry about spelling yet; just write the new words down so that you can ask an English speaker about the proper spelling later. Afterward, look up the words you guessed at in a dictionary. Was your guess correct?

If you find it helpful, you can use the chart below to keep yourself organized.

Word		
Setting		
People		
Outlook		
Topic		
My Guess		
Dictionary Definition		

Activity 2:

Reading is a great way to learn and develop your vocabulary. You have also learned some strategies that you can use to read more smoothly without having to check the dictionary every minute!

Choose a text that can help you develop some of your target vocabulary. Use the four strategies you've learned to help you.

Activity 3:

Reflect on your experience learning how to use context clues to guess the meanings of new words by thinking about the following questions. Contact another iEnglish student to discuss your answers!

1. Did you use any of these strategies before you viewed the video and completed these activities? Were any of your strategies different? How do they compare to these ones? Which strategies do you feel are more effective for you? Why?

2. When you were completing **Try It: Activity One**, did you find it difficult to pay attention to the four types of context clues at the same time? Did you use the organizational chart, or did you just try to keep track of new words in your head? Was your approach successful or not? What will you do differently next time?

3. When you were completing **Try It: Activity Two**, did you read faster than usual? Was reading more or less enjoyable? Did you learn any new vocabulary using the strategies? How will you memorize your new vocabulary words?