Reading for Today 4: Concepts, 4th Edition

Glossary

Chapter 1

alike (adj.) similar, comparable

billion-dollar industry

(phrase) a business that makes a lot of money

boosts (n.) lifts, pushes up, raises

cognitive (n.) a person's ability to process information associated with learning and problem

skills solving

compromise (v.) to reach an agreement where each side gets some, but not all, of what it wants

cope (v.) to face difficulties and try to overcome themdebate (n.) to argue, present differing views on a question

despite (prep.) even though, in spite of

education (n.) basic instruction or training in schools

emotion (n.) a feeling, such as love, hate, happiness, or sorrow

enhanced (adj.) improved, added to

fundamental (adj.) basic, primary

gain (n.) an increase, advance

isolated (adj.) separated from others, caused to be alone

K-12 (adj.) between the grade levels of kindergarten and 12th grade

learning gains (n.) improvements in learning

medium (n.) a means of doing

monitor (v.) to observe the actions of others

motivate (v.) to give a reason to do

profession (n.) an occupation requiring a specific education

psychology (n.) study of human and animal behaviorresilience (n.) the ability to restore one's energy

socially

isolated (phrase) someone who plays video games alone

gamer

specifically (adv.) exactly, definitelyview (n.) an opinion, beliefward off (v.) protect against

Chapter 2

assumption (n.) a belief that something will happen

competent (adj.) having the ability to do something well, having good or excellen skills

different (adj.) unlike, not the same

diluted (adj.) reduced the value of by adding something

discouraged (adj.) feeling a loss of confidence or hope, disheartened

discredited (adj.) shown to be of little or no truth or value **evidence** (n.) words or objects that support the truth

eyebrow-

raising news (phrase) surprising news

impact (n.) effect, impression

in particular (adv.) specifically, especiallyinfluences (n.) things that had an effect

intelligent (adj.) able to learn, understand, and use information well, smart

jumping to conclusions

(phrase) deciding something without having enough facts

mixed (adj.) varied

nonexistent (adj.) missing, absent

on the other

hand

(phrase) introducing an opposing idea

plenty of (adj.) more than enough

prophecy (n.) a prediction, foretelling of the future

SAT (n.) Scholastic Aptitude Test which determines high school students' ability to do

college work

self-fulfilling

prophecy

(n.) something that appens because someone thinks or predicts it will

selfish (adj.) concerned with one's self more than others, not sharing

sibling rivalry (phrase) competition between brothers and sisters

significant (adj.) important **take** (v.) consider

Chapter 3

accumulation (n.) an increase, adding up

blossom (v.) to flower, to develop into something very good

bottomed

out

(v.) to reach the lowest point then begin to rise

chaos (n.) extreme, ususally violent disorder; mass confusion

competence (n.) skill or ability

contribute (v.) to give drop (v.) to fall

edging

(phrase) moving close to towards

emphasis (n.) special importance placed on something

enigmatic (adj.) mysterious, puzzling

fare (v.) to result in something good or bad, make out

feedback (n.) the response to one's ideas

impact (n.) effect, impression in charge (adj.) to have control in jeopardy

intrigued (adj.) caused interest or curiosity launched (v.) begun, put into operation

(adj.) in danger

liken (v.) to think of as being similar to, compare

mixed (adj.) varied

overall (adj.) in general, considering everything

participate (v.) to take part or have a role in an activity or event

(v.) to plummet, dive, or fall fast and far plunge

realized (adj.) understood

self-esteem (n.) a feeling of liking oneself, a sense of self-worth

spearheaded (v.) served as the leader of

suggest (v.) to bring an idea to mind, to indicate transition (n.) a change from one condition to another

(adj.) sad, sorrowful unhappy

(n) an upward movement, usually sudden upswing

vulnerable (adj.) exposed, unprotected

Chapter 4

ailment (n.) an illness

at high doses (phrase) in excessive amounts

(v.) take or bring with carry away

come across (v.) accidentally encounter

consumed (v.) eaten

conventional

(phrase) a generally accepted belief wisdom

culprit (n.) wrongdoer cure (n.) a treatment

cut back (n.) reduce

domesticated (v.) cultivated it in order to eat it

empty

calories (phrase) food with no nutritional benefit

mainland (n.) the part of a country that does not include any islands

myths (n.) untrue stories that people like to believe

nobility (n.) rich people

plethora (n.) a very large amountprominently (adv.) noticeably or greatlyrationale (n.) a reason for something

span (n.) a period of time

spike (n.) a large, sudden increase

spread (v.) to cause to go or travel a distance or to many people

staple (n.) a common food sum up (v.) conclude or explain

trace (v.) follow

warn against (v.) caution or advise

worst-case

scenario (n.) the most serious possible result of a situation

Chapter 5

ability (n.) skill, power to doactive (adj.) busy, involved in

backing up (v.) supporting

cardiologist (n.) one who treats or studies the heart and its disease

contradictory (adj.) opposing
coronary (adj.) the heart

endothelium (n.) the protective barrier lining our blood vessels

find out (v.) discover

hostile (adj.) hateful, angry

humorous (adj.) funnyimpairment (n.) damage

implications (n.) indirect suggestionsincorporate (v.) to include, contain

indicate (v.) to show where or what something is

leads to (v.) causes to start look into (v.) investigate

maybe so (phrase) it is possiblemood (n.) your feelings

participants (n.) the people in the studypore over (v.) examine long and carefully

possible (adj.) capable of existing, happening, or being done

prescription (n.) a doctor's instructions

rely on (v.) depend on respond to (v.) react to restricted (adj.) limited

set off (v.) cause to begin

sets off (v.) causes

similar (adj.) almost alike ultimately (adv.) finally

what ails us (phrase) what makes us sick

when it comes to

(phrase) with regard to

Chapter 6

ailments (n.) illnesses

align with (v.) be in proper position with

ceremonies (n.) formal practices

chronic (adj.) habitual, persistent

concepts (n.) understandings

cycles of life (phrase) the stages of life

distinctive (adj.) special
embodies (v.) represents
energies (n.) powers
enhance (v.) strengthen
essential (adj.) necessary

facilitators (n.) people who help to make something happen

go back (phrase) has existed for harmony (n.) calm and balance

herbal 9adj.) related to a soft-stem plant used as seasoning or medicine

indigenous

plants

(n.) plants that are native to the area

integral (adj.) essential

internal disharmony

(n.) an imbalance inside of the body

medicine (n.) the art and science of curing sick epople and preventing disease

phenomena (n.) interesting images or events

promote (v.) encourage
rely on (v.) depend on

smudging (n.) a traditional Native American method of burning sacred herbs, such as sage, to

produce a smoke cloud which is used in various cleansing or prayer ceremonies and

purification or healing rituals

spiritual (adj.) of or about the spirit, religious

sun-wise (adj.) clockwise, circular, same direction as the sun

take into

account (p

(phrase) consider

tradition (n.) the passing of customs and beliefs from one generation to another

underlying (adj.) basic, fundamental

Chapter 7

antibiotics (n.) medicine made fom tiny microorganisms that are effective in fighting off other

disease-causing microorganisms

(adj.) very difficult to kill with many drugs

confined to (v.) restricted to create (v.) to give life to

delaying (adj.) slowing or stopping

destroy (v.) kill

digest (v.) to process in the stomach

drug-

resistant

emerging (adj.) appearing

ideally (adv.) in a perfect way

infect (v.) make sickinsist (v.) demand

misuse (v.) to use something incorrectly

MRSA (n.) common methicillin-resistant superbugoveruse (v.) to use something too much or too often

potent (adj.) powerful

prescribe (v.) give someone instructions to take certain medicine

prevent (v.) to stop from happening

recover (v.) get better

strains(n.) species, typesstubborn(adj.) persistentsurvive(v.) continue to livesusceptible(adj.) vulnerable

thrive (v.) grow successfully traits (n.) characteristics

unfortunately (adv.) sadly

virus (n.) microorganism that cannot grow or reproduce apart from a living cell

Chapter 8

apparent (adj.) obvious

audible (adj.) capable of being heardcognition (n.) thought or understanding

distinct (adj.) recognizable

encounter (v.) to come face to face with, to confront

garrulous (adj.) talking too much, talkative

hydrophones (n.) devices that record sound underwater

illusion (n.) a false impression

in unison (phrase) at the same time incredible (adj.) wonderful, fabulous

innovate (v.) do something in a new way

interact with (v.) communicate with through conversation, looks, or action

logged (v.) wrote down something you observed

mimicking (v.) copying
precisely (adv.) exactly
remarkable (adj.) impressive

rostra (n.) beaks

simultaneously (adv.) at the same time

synchronized (adj.) set to occur at the same time

tandem (adj.) working as a team

vocalization (n.) making sounds to communicate

Chapter 9

a large scale (phrase) a great amount

access (n.) to get into, enter

affordably (adv.) inexpensively

alert (v.) warnapplications (n.) uses

astronomy (n.) the science of outer space

benefit (v.) to help

buildup (n.) accumulation

carbon

monoxide (phrase) finds unsave levels of carbon monoxide

detector

care (n.) close attention

centuries (n.) hundreds of years

concern (n.) worry

considerable

funding (phrase) a lot of money

dependable (adj.) responsible, reliable, trustworthy

detect (v.) locate

durable (adj.) long-lastingeliminates (v.) gets rid of

enhance (v.) to improve, add to

extensive (adj.) great in amount of area, considerable

fascinated (adj.) greatly interested

fatigue (n.) tiredness harm (n.) hurt

hazards (n.) dangers

help (n.) aid, support

intense (adj.) powerful, strong

lengthy (adj.) long

moderate (v.) to become less in strength or severity

modify (v.) to change something, alter

nature (n.) the part of our world not made by humans, such as the sky, trees, fields,

streams, plants, animals, etc.

remote (adj.) distant

scarce (adj.) not available or plentiful

spinoff (n.) a technology developed for astronauts and now used by people everywhere

success (n.) accomplishment of a task, the reaching of a goal

superior to (phrase) better than

toxic (adj.) deadly translucent (adj.) clear

universe (n.) the stars, planets, other heavenly bodies, and space taken together

useful (adj.) helpful, handy

Chapter 10

ban (n.) a prohibitionbinding (adj.) obligatory

came to a

head (phrase) became very important

conflicting (adj.) opposingcontend (v.) to argue

depletion (n.) great reductiondeprive (v.) to keep from

dismissed (v.) ignored as unimportant; brushed off

exploitation (n.) the act of treating unfairly or taking advantage of

handful (n.) a small number

IGY (n.) International Geophysical year; a multi-country cooperative research project

inhospitable (adj.) not welcoming; unfriendly

irresistible (adj.) not able to be refused; very tempting

lure (v.) to attract

mere (adj.) no more than

negotiated (v.) worked on

pollute (v.) to contaminate
push for (phrase) try to get

reduce (v.) to lessen in severity, importance, etc.

reflect (v.) to give off a shine remote (adj.) distant and isolated

sovereignty (n.) ownership

treaty (n.) an agreement between two or more countries

unparalleled (adj.) uniquevital (adj.) crucial

Chapter 11

alerted (v.) notified as well as (phrase) and

astonishing revelation

(phrase) a surprising discovery

autopsy (n.) an examination on a body

clearly (prep.) obviously damage (v.) to hurt, injure

defrost (v.) to thaw disclosed (v.) revealed

elements (n.) weather conditions

for the time

(phrase) for now being

garments (n.) clothing gear (n.) equipment

insulated (adj.) has something added to it to provide warmth

(adv.) meaning exactly what it says literally

perspective (n.) a point of view (phrase) postponed put on ice release (v.) to let go, to set free

remnants (n.) small pieces

(v.) to fix or make something work again repair

return (v.) to come back, as from a trip

revelation (n.) an uncovering of something that was hidden, a disclosure

survive (v.) continue to live

theorize (v.) to make an educated guess

to shed new

(phrase) to get a new understanding light

unprecedented (adj.) has never happened before

violent (adj.) done with cruelty and force causing injury

well-preserved (adj.) kept in good condition

Chapter 12

(v.) to have the same idea or opinion agree

bill (n.) the name given to a proposed law before it is signed by the president

cause (n.) motivation for doing something

dilemma (n.) a problem with two possible solutions, neither of which is perfect

discontent (n.) dissatisfaction

domination (n.) having the most important place or greatest influence in

enforce a law (phrase) make sure a law is obeyed

establish (v.) to found, create foundation (n.) basis or authority hand in hand (phrase) together in safe hands (phrase) protected

in the hands

of (phrase) under the control of

initial (adj.) the first liberty (n.) freedom

majority (n.) more than half of the people

pay (v.) to give money to someone in return for regular work

pioneers (n.) people who do something that no one has ever done before

regardless of (phrase) in spite of

reluctantly (adv.) with concern or fear, hesitantly

replace (v.) to get something new to take the place of something old

reshape (v.) reorganize
therefore (prep.) as a result
veto (v.) to refuse to sign

vigilant (adj.) alert to any danger