**SET B SAT WORDS: LESSON 1**

**1. BENEVOLENT** (beh-NEV-oh-lent) *adj.* – kindhearted; good-natured; generous

* Sounds like: Ben Elephant
* Picture: A kindly old elephant named Ben who lives at the zoo. He saves the peanuts that visitors give him and takes them to the other animals late at night. “That Ben Elephant,” says one bear to another, “what a nice guy.”
* Synonyms: caring, giving, kind
* Antonyms: malevolent, selfish, mean
* Other forms: benevolence (*noun*); benevolently (*adv.*)
* Sentence: Miserable and greedy for most of his life, the man became ***benevolent*** during his last years.

**2. MOLLIFY** (MOLL-ih-fie) *verb* – lessen anger; soothe; placate

* Sounds like: Molly Fly
* Picture: Molly Fly follows the Village Fly (a really BAD FLY who spreads lies and rumors) around; she soothes the feelings of the people he has upset.
* Synonyms: pacify, calm, relax; appease
* Antonyms: anger, aggravate, annoy
* Sentence: Police try to ***mollify*** a hostage-taker to avoid violence.

**3. PONDEROUS** (PONN-der-uss) *adj.* – slow; weighty; labored

* Sounds like: pond of rust
* Picture: Creatures made of metal wading through a pond. As they begin to rust, their movements become slower and more difficult.
* Synonyms: lethargic, heavy, bulky
* Antonyms: light, feathery, quick
* Other form: ponderously (*adv.*)
* Sentence: The music was heavy and ***ponderous***, and I fell asleep.