**SET B SAT WORDS: LESSON 2**

**1. AMBIVALENCE** (am-BIV-uh-lence) *noun* –indecision; feeling of being; pulled

into two directions

* Looks like: Val inside ambulance (ambiVALence)
* Picture: A woman named Val is about to have a baby. She’s gone into labor while her husband is at work. She’s called for an ambulance to take her to the hospital, but now that she’s inside the ambulance she’s having second thoughts about going without her husband. “Wait! Let’s give him a few more minutes. No, we should go. I’m in labor. Okay, take me to the hospital. No, wait! Maybe he’ll get here soon …”
* Synonyms: doubt; uncertainty; hesitation
* Antonyms: decisiveness; sureness; certainty
* Other forms: ambivalent (*adj.*); ambivalently (*adv.*)
* Sentence: The house had been in the family for generations, so they were ***ambivalent*** about selling it.

**2. INADVERTENT** (in-ad-VER-tent) *adj* – unintentional

* Sounds like: in at her tent
* Picture: An army troop camping out during an overnight hike. One of the men accidentally walks into the tent of an officer. The furious officer throws the soldier out. The soldier states, “I **inadvertently** entered the wrong tent, and I apologize.”
* Synonyms: careless; not on purpose; unwitting
* Antonyms: intentional; deliberate; planned
* Other form: inadvertently (*adv.*); inadvertence (*noun)*
* Sentence: The newspaper ***inadvertently*** switched the names under the picture.

**3. INCITE** (in-SITE)*verb* – arouse to action; stir up; foment

* Sounds like: ignite
* Picture: A small country that has been controlled by a foreign nation for many years. One day, on the tenth anniversary of the country’s takeover, a woman runs through the streets of the capital. She calls for action, urging citizens to fight for their freedom. Like a spark falling into dry grass, she ignites a fire of anger among the people, and it quickly grows into a blazing revolution.
* Synonyms: agitate; inflame; instigate; set off
* Antonyms: mollify; appease; calm; repress
* Other forms: incitement, incitation (*nouns);*
* Note: Don’t confuse with “insight,” the ability to perceive.
* Sentence: The angry miner ***incited*** his co-workers to strike.