# SET B SAT WORDS: LESSON 3

**1. CACOPHONY** *noun* – a collection of sounds or voices that don’t blend well;

harshness of sound.

* Looks like: a combination of “cocoon” and “symphony”
* Picture: A cocoon hanging from the branch of a tree. Inside, a caterpillar on his way to becoming a butterfly has decided to make good use of the time by learning to play the violin. On this particular day, the caterpillar is playing an entire symphony, although not very well. Outside, the birds and squirrels are covering their ears, trying to escape the cacophony coming from the cocoon.
* Synonyms: dissonance; disharmony; noise; discord
* Antonym: harmony; synchronized; coordinated
* Note: The root “phone” has to do with sound, as in “telephone.”
* Sentence: New visitors to the rainforest are struck by the ***cacophony****.*

**2. EFFERVESCENCE** *noun-* the quality of being bubbly or full of life

* Sounds like: ever pheasants
* Picture: A large field surrounded by trees. The field is crowded with pheasants who are turning around singing, dancing, and blowing enormous bubbles with those gigantic plastic rings and large pans of soap suds. Two beavers look on, one saying to the other, “Ah, pheasants, ever pheasants. So bubbly. So full of life … Well, let’s get back to work.”
* Synonyms: animation; exhilaration; exuberance
* Antonyms: dullness; flatness; inactive; serious
* Sentence: She’d had little acting experience, but her ***effervescence***got her the part.

**3. PARITY** *noun-* equality or equivalence; balance among a group

* Looks like: party
* Picture: A boy is having a birthday party at his house. On the same day, the girl next door is having her birthday party. Holding a pair of binoculars, the boy watches everything that happens at the other party, then runs to his mother and demands equality. “Her cake is chocolate with pink frosting. That’s what I want. And a clown just showed up. Where’s my clown? She has bigger balloons …”
* Synonyms: par; uniformity; similarity, sameness
* Antonyms: dissimilarity; disparity, difference; inequality
* Note: Don’t confuse this word with “parody,” which refers to an imitation that is meant to poke fun at the subject.
* Sentence: There is ***parity*** in a sports league when no one team dominates every year.