**SET B SAT WORDS: LESSON 4**

**1. BALEFUL** (BAIL-full) *adj****. -*** harmful; menacing

* Sounds like: bale full
* Picture: Gigantic, heavy bales of hay falling from the sky. One of the bales is about to fall onto someone.
* Synonyms: threatening; malevolent; sinister
* Antonyms: benevolent; promising; favorable
* Other form: balefully *(adv.)*
* Sentence: A hungry wolf is a ***baleful*** sight to campers.

**2. CONCEDE** (kun-SEED) *verb* - admit reluctantly; yield

* Sounds like: corn seed
* Picture: Two farmers. One, examining something under a magnifying glass, admits that it *is* corn seed.
* Synonyms: accept; give in; surrender
* Antonym: disagree; defend; reject
* Other form: concession (*noun)*
* Note: A concession speech is one in which the loser of an election reluctantly admits that his or her opponent has won.
* Sentence: The boss had to ***concede*** that it was his assistant’s idea.

**3. SANCTION** (SANK-shun) *verb-* approve; give consent

* Sounds like: sank Shawn
* Picture: You’re rowing a boat out on the lake. Shawn, a man you’ve hated for eleven years, is rowing his boat on the other side of the lake. A friend suddenly shows up in the water right next to your boat and tells you that he just sank Shawn. The friend still holds the drill he used to bore a hole in the bottom of Shawn’s boat. You pause for a second, then smile and say, “Good work. I normally don’t like that kind of behavior, but if you tell me you sank Shawn, I have to approve.”
* Synonyms: authorize; permit; allow; endorse
* Antonyms: veto; disapprove; oppose
* Opposite Meaning: This is confusing, but as a noun, a “sanction” is an action taken in order to punish or change another’s behavior. For example, governments often impose economic sanctions against a nation they feel is behaving badly.
* Sentence: In full support of the president, Congress ***sanctioned*** his use of military force.