**SET B SAT WORDS: LESSON 6**

**1. RECANT** (re--CANT) *verb* ***–*** take something back you’ve said; withdraw a statement

or belief

* Sounds like: recount
* Picture: A candidate speaking to supporters on the night of a close election: “My friends, earlier this evening, I demanded a recount of the votes. I am now recanting that request. I do NOT want a recount, and am conceding defeat. (See CONCEDE)
* Synonyms: rescind; retract; recall
* Antonym: validate; sanction; confirm; acknowledge
* Sentence: Malcom changed his mind and ***recanted*** his original story about the robbery.

**2. INANE** (in-NANE) *adj.* - silly; insignificant

* Looks like: insane (without the “S”)
* Picture: A man reads a letter from his psychiatrist, and then cries to his wife: “He says I’m insane!” When he becomes hysterically upset, she takes the letter and reads it. “No, it says, ‘inane,’ ” she tells him. “It’s nothing to worry about. You’re just being silly.”
* Synonyms: ridiculous; absurd; idiotic; foolish
* Antonym: sensible; realistic; serious; practical
* Other forms: inanity *(noun);* inanely *(adv.)*
* Sentence: It’s hard to believe that grown men could argue over such ***inane*** matters.

**3. PETULANCE** (PETCH–oo-lence) *noun -* grouchiness

* Sounds like: pet chew Lance
* Picture: Lance has a dog who likes to chew on one of those fake rawhide bones. The dog chews all day and even in his sleep, and has been doing this for years. But today, Lance is in a bad mood. He’s not sure why, but he’s cranky, and his pet is just chewing and chewing on that bone and it’s getting on his nerves. Finally, Lance can’t take it anymore: “Would you stop chewing on that stupid bone? All day and all night for eight years, I’ve been listening to you chomp on that thing. I’ve been patient, extremely patient, I think, but I have to tell you that it’s driving me absolutely crazy!”
* Synonyms: bad temper; irritability; bitterness; cynicism
* Antonym: cheerfulness; exuberance; joyfulness; happiness
* Other forms: petulant (*adj.);* petulantly (*adv.)*
* Sentence: He felt justified in his ***petulance****,* but friends began to avoid him.