**SET B SAT WORDS: LESSON 7**

**1. CONTINGENT** (kun-TIN-jent) *adj. –* dependent upon other circumstances;

conditional

* Sounds like: can tin gent
* Picture: A man made of tin cans. A friend asks if he’s planning to play in the golf tournament next weekend. “It depends,” says can tin gent. “If it’s sunny, I’ll be there. If it rains, I definitely won’t. I haven’t played in ten years, so I’m rusty enough already.”
* Synonyms: uncertain; chance; controlled by
* Antonyms: independent; unconditional; certain
* Other forms: contingency*(noun);* contingently*(adv.)*
* Sentence: His release from jail was ***contingent*** upon his promise to show up in court.

**2. JOCULAR** (JOCK-yoo-ler) *adj.* – joking; playful; jesting; witty

* Sounds like: Dracula
* Picture: Count Dracula is working as a stand-up comedian, using the name Count Jocular: (“…So, he says to me, ‘I can’t take blood from a stone.’ I say, I know I’ve been trying for years!’”).
* Synonyms: cheerful; humorous; jolly; comical
* Antonyms: depressed; morose; gloomy; serious
* Other forms: jocularity *(noun);* jocularly *(adv.)*
* Connect with: “Jocose” and “jocund”, which have similar meanings to “jocular.” Just about any unfamiliar word you come across that begins with “joc” will have something to do with “joke.”
* Sentence: Her ***jocular*** personality kept everyone loose during the long flight across the Pacific.

**3. PENCHANT** (PENCH-ent) *noun –* a strong liking; attraction

* Sounds like: pendant
* Picture: A woman with many pendants around her neck. She obviously has a strong liking for them.
* Synonyms: affection; fondness; attachment
* Antonyms: repel; disgust; dislike; indifference
* Sentence: A ***penchant*** for antique cars can be an expensive trait.