

SYN/ANT LECTURE – 04

Gruelling	Extremely tiring
Slump	A period of low spirit or depression
Dire	very serious /very bad
Underscore	to highlight the importance of something
Decouple	to end the connection or relationship between two things
Stride	to walk with long steps in a particular direction
Manifest	to show something clearly
Spur	Encourage someone to do something /make something happen fast .
Undergirding	To provide support or a foundation for something
Imperative	very important and needing immediate attention or action
Impediment	A hindrance that obstruct progress
Steering	The action of directing the movement of something
Garner	to obtain or collect something such as information
Portent	a sign or warning of something that is going to happen in the future
Faltering	becoming weaker or less effective
Infringement	Breaking of a law or rule
Rogue	a person who behaves badly /can't be trusted
Stoking	to encourage or intensify a feeling
Devise	To plan something, to invent something new

Parlance	a particular way of using words or expressing yourself
Precipitate	cause something (especially bad) to happen suddenly
Barred	to ban or prevent somebody from doing something
Procession	a line of people or vehicles that move along slowly, especially as part of a ceremony
Premise	a statement or an idea that forms the basis for a reasonable line of argument
Reap	to receive a reward or benefit as a result of one's action
Clamp	to hold something tightly
Cohort	a group of people who share a common feature or aspect of behaviour
Prevail	to exist or be very common at a particular time or in a particular place
Discretionary	something that is left to one's own judgement
Tweak	to pull or twist something suddenly
Incentivize	to encourage somebody to behave in a particular way by offering them a reward
Allusion	something that is said or written that refers to or mentions another person or subject in an indirect way
Anomaly	a thing, situation, etc. that is different from what is normal or expected

Aphorism	a short phrase that says something true or wise
Abnegation	the act of not allowing yourself to have something that you want; the act of rejecting something
Collusion	secret agreement especially in order to do something dishonest or to trick people

Slander	a false spoken statement intended to damage the good opinion people have of somebody
Foment	to create trouble or violence or make it worse
Callow	young and without experience
Blend	to mix two or more substances together