

SYN/ANT LECTURE – 05

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| Convulse | to shake violently |
| Flounder | to act clumsily or confused |
| Complacent | too satisfied with yourself or with a situation |
| Derisory | ridiculously small or inadequate |
| Defuse | to stop a possibly dangerous or difficult situation from developing |
| Transpire | to occur or take place / get revealed |
| Infraction | a violation of the rules |
| Aggrandize ment | an increase in power, importance, or reputation |
| Mobilize | Prepare and organize troops for some operation |
| Gibbous | (of the moon) with the bright part bigger than a semicircle and smaller than a circle |
| Torment | extreme pain, especially mental pain |
| Peerless | better than all others of its kind |
| Endearment | a word or an expression that is used to show love |
| Forbearance | the quality of being patient and kind towards |
| Smother | to kill somebody by covering their face so that they cannot breathe |
| Magniloquent | using high-sounding, boastful language |
| Dynamic | having a lot of energy and a strong personality |
| Oratory | the skill of making powerful and effective speeches in public |
| Patron | a person who gives money and support to artists and writers |
| Reconnaissance | the activity of getting information about an area for military purposes |
| Replica | An exact copy |

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| Sardonic | displaying disrespect in a scornful way |
| Frolic | to play and move around in a lively, happy way |
| Lowbrow | having no connection with or interest in serious artistic or cultural ideas |
| Truancy | skipping school without valid reason |
| Maleficent | harmful or evil in intent or effect |
| Bounty | money given as reward |
| Holocaust | a situation in which many things are destroyed and many people killed, especially because of a war or a fire |
| Opportune | (of time) at a useful or convenient moment |
| Lopsided | having one side lower, smaller, etc. than the other |
| Retrograde | making a situation worse or returning to how something was in the past |
| Palatable | having a pleasant or acceptable taste |
| Dogmatic | being certain that your beliefs are right and that others should accept them |
| Sob | to cry noisily, taking sudden, sharp breaths |
| Errant | Behaving wrongly or disobediently |
| Frayed | Something that is strained or exhausted |
| Retributive | Something related to act of seeking revenge |
| Capricious | showing sudden changes in attitude or behaviour |
| Candour | the quality of saying what you think openly and honestly |
| Bourgeois | a person who belongs to the middle class |