

## SYN/ANT LECTURE – 12

<b>Bulwark</b>	an object that acts as a shield
<b>Amalgamate</b>	To join or combine
<b>Pliable</b>	easily bent or formed
<b>Tardy</b>	late to a specific event or delayed beyond the expected time
<b>Abstinence</b>	The act of not taking part in something
<b>Ideal</b>	A standard of perfection
<b>Amnesty</b>	a formal pardon or reprieve given to one who has committed a criminal or political offense
<b>Inchoate</b>	Beginning to develop or form
<b>Babble</b>	to chatter about something in a typically foolish or excitable way
<b>Ignominy</b>	Public shame or disgrace
<b>Abduct</b>	to grab an individual by trickery or force
<b>Legit</b>	Something authentic in nature
<b>Cynical</b>	Distrustful of human nature and motives
<b>Absolute</b>	complete or total
<b>Desiccate</b>	To take out moisture; to dry out
<b>Polarize</b>	to divide into sharply opposing factions
<b>Sane</b>	Mentally healthy
<b>Igneous</b>	solidified from lava or magma
<b>Recondite</b>	not understood or known by many people
<b>Fanatic</b>	one who is extremely passionate about

	something, often a religion or cause
<b>Devious</b>	characterized by deceit
<b>Reassure</b>	To say or do something to remove fear or doubt
<b>Sober</b>	Not affected by alcohol or illegal drugs
<b>Benediction</b>	a brief prayer asking for a blessing or help
<b>Pestilential</b>	Capable of producing a devastating and contagious disease
<b>Heap</b>	a group of things placed in a pile
<b>Emphatic</b>	forceful and definite in expression
<b>Emulate</b>	To copy the action of others
<b>Scanty</b>	Less than what is needed
<b>Asperity</b>	Harsh Manner or tone of voice
<b>Spry</b>	Full of energy
<b>Deplete</b>	To exhaust the supply
<b>Annoy</b>	To irritate or bother someone
<b>Assiduous</b>	Marked by care and persistent effort
<b>Stupendous</b>	Amazingly large
<b>Obstruct</b>	Prevent the progress
<b>Consummate</b>	Extremely skilled
<b>Colloquial</b>	Casual and conversational language
<b>Crouch</b>	The act of bending low with the limbs close to the body
<b>Adroit</b>	Clever or skillful
<b>Cupidity</b>	excessive desire