* 1. **Figurative Language-**figures of speech used to add emphasis, persuasiveness,

and impact.  The wording does not typically mean what it says on the surface.

*Ex. It’s raining cats and dogs*

* 1. Ex. Life is like a box of chocolates

 2. **Dubious**- not to be relied upon; suspect

* + - * Synonyms: suspicious, suspect, untrustworthy, unreliable, questionable

*“Filthy McNasty is a mythical man-child of rather dubious distinction…”*

* 1. **Distinction**- something, usually excellence, that sets someone or something apart from others
     + - Synonyms: importance, significance, consequence

*“...of rather dubious distinction always agitating, combinating, and elevating…”*

* 1. **Fierce**- having or displaying an intense or ferocious aggressiveness.
     + - Synonyms: ferocious, savage, vicious

*“Swoop in to the finish with a fierce finger roll…”*

* 1. **Flaunt**-to display something aggressively, especially in order to create jealousy or admiration, or to show defiance.
  2. Synonyms: show off, make a show up, put on a show

1. **Genetic**- relating to genes or heredity.

Synonyms: hereditary

1. **Phenomenal**- very remarkable; extraordinary.
   * + 1. Synonyms: remarkable, exceptional, amazing

*“JB’s  the second most phenomenal baller on our team”*

1. **Churlish**- rude in a mean-spirited and surly way
   * + - 1. Synonyms: rude, impolite, discourteous

*“Have you lost your mind son?  Did your father raise you to be churlish?”*

1. **Estranged**- no longer close or affectionate to someone; alienated

Synonyms: distanced, driven away

*“When I threw the ball at JB, I think I was estranged from myself, if that’s possible.”*

1. **Profusely-**to a great degree; in large amounts

 Synonyms: gushing, abundantly

“Dad's blood pressure was so high that it caused his nose to bleed profusely”

**Ballad**: a poem or song narrating a story in short stanzas. Traditional ballads are typically of unknown authorship, having been passed on orally from one generation to the next as part of

the folk culture. *The Cremation of Sam Mc Gee*

**brawn**; physical strength in contrast to intelligence: *"You may tax your brawn and brains,  
But you promised true, and it's up to you to cremate those last remains."*

**loathed**: feel intense dislike or disgust for: *Oh God! how I loathed the thing.*

**Vehemently**- in a forceful, passionate, or intense manner; with great feeling.

          Synonyms: impassioned, intense, fiery

**Sagacity**- having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgement;

 shrewd

          Synonyms: insight, wisdom, perception

**Gesticulations**- use gestures, especially dramatic ones, instead of

speaking or to emphasize one's words.

          Synonyms: mime, pantomime, signal

**Unreliable**- not to be depended upon

Synonyms: erratic, untrustworthy

**Reliable**- consistently good in quality

Synonyms: authentic, valid, and genuine

**Paranoia** - is the irrational and persistent feeling that people are 'out to get you'.

Synonyms: delusions, persecution, obsession