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# Lesson Four

1. **animosity** (ăn´ə **mŏs´**ĭ tē) *n.* hatred or hostility that is shown openly
Jack's *animosity* toward foreigners made his girlfriend uncomfortable.
*syn: ill will* *ant: amiability*

2. **anonymity** (**ăn´**ə nĭm´ĭ tē) *n.* the condition of being anonymous; unknown
The problem with being a celebrity is that you relinquish your *anonymity.*

3. **bibliophile** (**bĭb´**lē ə fīl) *n.* one who loves books
Because he was a *bibliophile*, you could always find him in the library.
*ant: bibliophobe*

4. **ebb** (ĕb) *v.* to flow or fall back, as the tide does
As the day progressed, the tide *ebbed.*
*syn: recede* *ant: increase, swell*

5. **effervescent** (ĕf´ər **vĕs´**ənt) *adj.* high-spirited; lively
Meeting her again left Max in an *effervescent* mood.
*syn: vivacious* *ant: saddened, sober*

6. **elusive** (ē **lōō´**sĭv) *adj.* tending to avoid; hard to capture
The *elusive* criminal was finally apprehended after the largest manhunt in the state's history.

7. **nemesis** (**nĕm´**ĭ sĭs) *n.* anyone or anything which seems to be the cause of someone's downfall or defeat.
Fred dreaded that evening's match because he was wrestling a *nemesis* who had beaten him in every one of their last five matches.
*syn: rival*

8. **nepotism** (nĕp´ə **tĭz´**əm) *n.* favoritism shown by people in high places to relatives or close friends
Matt had to be careful about hiring his nephew because he knew that the charge of *nepotism* would be made.

9. **nonchalant** (nŏn shə **länt´**) *adj.* carefree and casually unconcerned or seeming so
In an effort to appear *nonchalant,* he faked a yawn.
*syn: blasé* *ant: concerned, excitable*

10. **solicitude** (sə **lĭs´**ĭ tōōd) *n.* the state of showing care or concern
If you had shown as much *solicitude* when your mother was sick, she might still be alive.
*ant: unconcerned, indifference*