Lesson Three

1. **avarice** (av´ ə ris) *n.* greed; desire for wealth
   He became a doctor, not to save lives but to appease his *avarice.*
   syn: acquisitiveness *ant: largesse*

2. **furtive** (fûr´ tiv) *adj.* stealthy; secretive
   Not wanting to be rude, Jean cast a *furtive* glance at the man's prominent scar.
   syn: surreptitious; sneaky *ant: overt*

3. **bacchanalian** (bak ə nāl´ yən) *adj.* wild and drunken
   Adam paid for his *bacchanalian* weekend when he flunked the exam on Monday.
   ant: restrained

4. **extradite** (ek´ strə dīt) *v.* to turn over or deliver to the legal jurisdiction of another government or authority
   After two months of incarceration in Sacramento, the suspect was *extradited* to Florida.
   syn: deport

5. **copious** (kō´ pē əs) *adj.* numerous; large in quantity
   It is good to drink a *copious* amount of water before and after working out.
   syn: profuse *ant: sparse*

6. **irascible** (i ras´ ə bəl) *adj.* easily angered
   We walk on eggshells around Marty because he is so *irascible.*
   syn: irritable; ill-tempered *ant: easygoing*

7. **mercenary** (mûr´ sə ner ē) *n.* a professional soldier hired by a foreign army
   Though American by birth, the *mercenary* fought for France.
   ant: volunteer

8. **bastion** (bas´ chən) *n.* a strong defense or fort (or one likened to it)
   The United States has been called the *bastion* of democracy.
   syn: stronghold

9. **jettison** (jet´ i sən) *v.* to cast overboard; to discard
   The passengers quickly *jettisoned* the heavy cargo from the damaged plane.
   syn: deploy; throw away *ant: retain*

10. **ostracize** (os´ trə sīz) *v.* to banish; to shut out from a group or society by common consent
    The strict religious community *ostracized* Eli when he married a woman of another faith.
    syn: exile *ant: accept*

Vocabulary Sketch