

Diction

Consider:

Art is the **antidote** that can call us back from the edge of numbness, restoring the ability to feel for another.

— Barbara Kingsolver, “3 / Lesson 1: DictionLesson 1: Diction / 3,” High Tide in Tucson

Discuss:

1. By using the word *antidote*, what does the author imply about the inability to feel for another?
2. If we changed the word *antidote* to *gift*, what effect would it have on the meaning of the sentence?

Apply:

Brainstorm with the class and develop a list of medical terms; then write a sentence using a medical term to characterize art. Explain to the class the effect this term has on the meaning of the sentence.