***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #10***

**1. Acquire to get or obtain possession of something**

*Ethan acquired some land, built a ranch, and began raising cattle.*

**2. Asinine utterly ridiculous or lacking sense**

*Then Sarah did something completely asinine; she threw her shoe at the policeman.*

**3. Callous showing no concern for other’s pain or hurt feelings**

*Edward was quite callous to the couple he knocked over and didn’t even apologize.*

**4. Concise using as few words as possible to give the necessary information**

*If you are concise in your writing, you’ll get your point across clearly.*

**5. Debris fragments of something that has been destroyed or broken in pieces**

*The debris from the tornado, which had a top speed of 210 mph, was strewn over five miles.*

**6. Disastrous having seriously damaging results; done in a completely unsuccessful way**

*Leaving the gas can so close to the open fire had a disastrous result.*

**7. Emphasize to stress or give importance to something**

*“I cannot emphasize enough,” the boss stated, “how important it is to provide good service.”*

**8. Fathom too understand something complicated, grand, or mysterious**

*Just how large is our universe? It’s difficult to fathom.*

**9. Formidable difficult to deal with or overcome; inspiring respect because of ability**

*Having won 20 straight games, the Tigers looked to be formidable opponents.*

**10. Gourmet relating to high-quality, often expensive food**

*Contrary to her opinion, I though the gourmet lobster was under-cooked.*

**11. Impeccable perfect or flawless; without fault**

*His piano performance was impeccable, except for that one missed note.*

**12. Maneuver a movement that requires skill**

*The triple axel is a next-to-impossible figure skating maneuver, yet it has been done.*

**13. Nauseating producing an unsettling feeling in the stomach or the urge to vomit**

*As a result of the nauseating stench, I ran out of the locker room to fresher air.*

**14. Presumptuous arrogant or disrespectful in doing something when not qualified to do it**

*It was rather presumptuous of Ned, a first year cop, to think he understood more than the chief.*

**15. Ostracize to exclude someone from a group or activity for being different**

*Because of the “booger incident,” Michelle was ostracized by her classmates.*

**16. Recuperate to recover from an illness or injury**

*If your leg doesn’t recuperate soon, you’ll be out for the start of the track season.*

**17. Sergeant a high-ranking officer in the military or law enforcement**

*On the contrary, Sergeant Jones is frightening and yells loudly.*

**18. Subtle not obvious; understated**

*With subtlety, Vinny pulled two aces out of his coat sleeve beneath the table.*

**19. Traipse to walk around casually or without a specific destination**

*Traipse in here again without a pass, and you’ll find yourself with a detention.*

**20. Vicinity a neighborhood, or the area surrounding a particular place**

*The earthquake destroyed everything within a fifty mile vicinity; it was total annihilation.*

**Unit 10— Use a complex sentence that begins with a subordinate conjunction (listed below). When you begin a complex sentence with a subordinate conjunction, you will need a comma following the dependent clause.**

***After Although As As if As long as Because Before***

***Since So that While Unless Until When Whenever***

1. So that you’re not seen as being *presumptuous*, you better find out the facts before you answer.

2. After Lew revealed he was a life-long Cubs fan, his Cardinal-fan buddies *ostracized* him.

3. Although Principal Jones seems quite *callous*, he actually does care about his students’ well-being.

4. Unless you are more *concise* in your writing, your readers will get lost in your verbose wording.