***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #16***

**1. Aisle a passageway between areas of seating** *With one foot in the aisle and the*

*other on the chair in front of him, Al wasn’t being considerate of others in the audience.*

**2. Catastrophe a terrible disaster or accident, especially one that leads to loss of life**

*As a result of the hot air balloon catastrophe, Leo never shot his BB gun again.*

**3. Conscience the sense of what is right and wrong that governs someone’s thoughts**

*Although it’d be much easier to cheat, my conscience says that it’s wrong.*

**4. Deduce to figure out something without all the needed facts by using logic**

*Having deduced that the keys must be in the living room, he began looking under the couch cushions.*

**5. Disheveled with messed-up hair or clothes**

*Kneeling, the disheveled homeless man begged passers-by for spare change.*

**6. Eclectic preferring items of many different styles, wide-ranging**

*Browsing through Kat’s iPod, I could tell she had an eclectic taste in music: country, rap, classical…*

**7. Equivalent being of the same amount as something else**

*If you were to give me five $1 bills, that would be the equivalent of one $5 bill.*

**8. Flabbergast to amaze or astonish somebody completely**

*Were you flabbergasted by the talking dog like I was?*

**9. Guidance leadership, direction; the act of giving counsel**

*A good coach should provide guidance, offer encouragement, and emphasize teamwork.*

**10. Increase a rise to a greater number, quantity, or degree**

*To increase your stamina, you should exercise at least one half hour every day.*

**11. Jovial cheerful and friendly**

*Most people believe Santa is jovial, but I saw him yelling at his elves once.*

**12. Mediocre adequate, acceptable, average; not very good**

*The commercial, mediocre at best, probably won’t get many people’s attention.*

**13. Niche a position or activity that suits something or someone well**

*Jane enrolled in a new school, made some new friends, and eventually found her niche.*

**14. Perceive to just barely make something out in your line of vision; to just notice**

*I could just barely perceive the ghost; however, my sister says she didn’t see anything.*

**15. Profound something requiring deep thought to understand; having a strong influence**

*Mr. Martin found the student’s answer quite profound; it made him think.*

**16. Rendezvous a meeting arranged for an agreed time and place**

*Reluctantly, Emily arranged the rendezvous with Ed, her childhood “boyfriend”, at their tree house.*

**17. Solemn having or showing seriousness and not humor**

*To mark this solemn occasion, the 10th anniversary of 9/11, we will hold a moment of silence.*

**18. Patronizing treating someone as if he or she is less intelligent than yourself**

*The woman found her new co-worker to be extremely patronizing, so she began to avoid him.*

**19. Trivial lacking in seriousness, importance, or value** *Who dated whom, who had the best clothes, and who was most popular in school all seem trivial when you’re an adult.*

**20. Vivacious showing or characterized by liveliness and high-spiritedness**

*Cheering wildly, the vivacious fans showed their support for the home team.*

**Sentence Pattern: Begin with an addition or conclusion transition. A comma will be necessary.**

**Transitions of Addition Transitions of Conclusion**

***As well as,… Besides,… All things considered,…Briefly,…***

***Furthermore,.. Likewise,… To summarize,… Indeed,…***

***In addition,… Moreover,… In the final analysis,… In conclusion,…***

***Similarly,… Additionally,… On the whole,… To sum up,…***

1. In addition, I found the stuck-up girl to be *patronizing*, treating me like an idiot.

2. Briefly, the *rendezvous* between the two spies was disastrous because their cover was blown.

3. Moreover, Janis has an *eclectic* sense of fashion; she’ll wear anything.

4. In conclusion, Shirley Jackson’s short story “The Lottery” is a *profound* statement about mindlessly following traditions.