***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit 1***

**1. Abandon To leave something or someone behind for others to look after**

*The abandon puppy, left all alone in the woods, began to whimper.*

**2. Anxiety A feeling of nervousness about something that may happen**

*With his test tomorrow and little knowledge of the subject, Frank felt much anxiety.*

**3. Apparatus A piece of machinery, a tool, or a device used for a specific purpose**

*Because of his sleep apnea, Bill has to use a special apparatus to help him breath at night.*

**4. Bequeath To hand down something, especially in a will**

*Mr. and Mrs. Wadsacash bequeathed their great fortune to the orphanage.*

**5. Committee A select group who performs a task on behalf of a larger group**

*Undependable and often arguing, the committee accomplished very little.*

**6. Deteriorate To become worse in condition or in value**

*Having spread, the cancer caused his health to deteriorate rapidly.*

**7. Efficient Preforming a task in an organized way with minimum use of resources**

*Susan was so efficient at finishing her homework, she was done an hour before her classmates.*

**8. Experience Involvement in an activity that leads to knowledge and skill**

*With ten years on the job, Ted is not only the most experienced pizza deliverer, but the most reliable.*

**9. Gargantuan Tremendously large in amount, number, or size**

*The gargantuan wave rushed over the shore, flooded the house, and washed away lawn furniture.*

**10. Hygiene The practice or principles of cleanliness**

*If you don’t pay attention to your dental hygiene, you’re sure to get plenty of cavities.*

**11. Insistent Persistent in maintaining or demanding something**

*Shouting, the insistent customer demanded a refund.*

**12. Lieutenant A high-ranking officer in the military or law enforcement**

*Lieutenant Strickpants (my least favorite officer on the base) made us run five miles.*

**13. Mnemonic A short rhyme, phrase, or other technique used to help memorize**

*“HOMES” is a mnemonic device that helps me remember the names of the Great Lakes.*

**14. Occasional Occurring infrequently or irregularly; every once in a while**

*Occasionally, I spell “occasionally” wrong because I only use one* c *and add two* s*’s.*

**15. Pivotal Very important in determining the outcome of something**

*Their ability to stop the Packer’s offense was pivotal; it gave the Bears the victory.*

**16. Plagiarize To count another’s work and ideas as one’s own**

*The teacher accused me of plagiarizing; she said I copied and pasted from a website.*

**17. Radiant Lit with a bright, glowing light; showing happiness**

*Having just been asked to the dance by her dream date, Jill was radiant with joy.*

**18. Sabotage Intentionally damaging property; undermining someone’s plans**

*As a result of his sabotaging the machine, Angry Arnold was fired from his job.*

**19. Terminate To bring to an end; to discontinue one’s employment; to assassinate**

*Due to lack of government funding, the “Life on Mars” project was terminated.*

**20. Vacuum A device that uses suction to clean; a space made completely empty**

*When Sal left the company, we experienced a vacuum in the leadership department.*

**Sentence Pattern: Begin with an interjection followed by an exclamation mark and another sentence.**

1. Yikes! I’d judge by his odor that Paul doesn’t care much about *hygiene!*

2. Ouch! The sun is so blindingly *radiant* today that I need sunglasses to go outside!

3. Amazing! This *apparatus* you designed will allow me to brush my teeth and clip my toes at the same time!

4. Oh no! Someone *sabotaged* my project for social studies!