***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #4***

**1. Abysmal extremely bad or severe; similar in depth to a deep pit**

*Was our performance abysmal? Let’s just say we had to dodge some tomatoes.*

**2. Appreciate to recognize and like qualities in someone; to feel grateful for**

*I appreciate your hard work and want to encourage you in your efforts.*

**3. Bizarre amusingly strange or unusual**

*Having eaten the bizarre slimy, green substance, I soon felt severe stomach cramps.*

**4. Brawny muscular and strong-looking**

*With a grunt and a holler, the brawny man lifted the car off my face.*

**5. Competent having enough skill or energy to do something well**

*To prove you’re competent, you must run the office by yourself for the next week.*

**6. Criticize to express disapproval or dissatisfaction with someone or something**

*Stop criticizing my work; you don’t realize how hard this is.*

**7. Diagnosis the identification of an illness by means of medical procedures**

*Because of the color of his mucus, the doctor easily diagnosed him with the flu.*

**8. Eligible qualified to do, be, or get something**

*To be eligible for the Presidency, you must be 35 and a natural born citizen.*

**9. Extravagant costing a high price; characterized by wasteful spending**

*The party was an extravagant affair; each guest was given a gift bag with the keys to a new car.*

**10. Genre a group or category of artistic works**

*There are many genres of literature I enjoy: biography, poetry, novels, and short stories.*

**11. Hypothesize to give a testable guess as to the cause of something**

*Because I always felt bad after eating ice cream, I hypothesized I was lactose intolerant.*

**12. Intellectual having a highly developed ability to think and understand**

*Cleverly, the intellectual girl figured out a solution no one else had thought of.*

**13. Ludicrous ridiculous because of not being logical or practical**

*It was ludicrous to give that dog the keys; consequently, Woofie drove right over a cliff.*

**14. Multitude a very large crowd or group of people or things**

*When Rosie yelled, “I’m gonna punch you!” a multitude of kids gathered near to watch.*

**15. Omit to purposely or accidently leave something or someone out**

*I purposely omitted Samantha from the list of invitees, yet she showed up anyway.*

**16. Poignant causing deep emotion or thoughtful sadness**

*Either it was the poignant song I was listening to or the onions I was slicing that made me cry.*

**17. Raucous characterized by loud noise, shouting, and laughter**

*After he called the cops complaining of the noise, the raucous party died down.*

**18. Stubborn unreasonably determined to do something; difficult to deal with**

*Stubborn and pouting, little Eddie refused to eat his lima beans.*

**19. Thorough complete in every detail and carried out with care**

*I thought I was thorough in my cleaning; however, Ms. Pickypants found several specks of dust.*

**20. Vast very great in size or extent, usually referring to a space**

*The vast state of Alaska, three times the size of Texas, became a state in 1952.*

**Sentence pattern:****Each sentence should begin with a verb+ing (what’s called the present participle verb form), followed by a comma and a person or thing.**

1. Sweating, the boy finally gave up on the *ludicrous* task of lifting the fallen tree.

2. Glancing at his classmates’ grades, Ed realized that perhaps his grade wasn’t so *abysmal* after all.

3. Sniffling, Cindy placed the *poignant* note from her deceased grandmother back in the drawer.

4. Hurrying, the *competent* fast food worker capably served six customers at the same time.