***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #7***

**1. Accumulate to collect a large amount of something over time**

*Having accumulated a large amount of coins in his change jar, Ed went to the bank.*

**2. Approximate not quite exact, but close in number or quality**

*“The approximate number of people planning to attend,” interrupted Ann, “is 40 to 50.”*

**3. Browse to look through something, especially in a store, in a relaxed manner**

*The student browsed through the books and chose one to read.*

**4. Collaborate to work with others to achieve something**

*With a Writin’ Titan referral in hand, Jake when to the lab to collaborate with a writing coach.*

**5. Comprehend to grasp the meaning or nature of something**

*Pat could not comprehend the material, so he went back to the teacher for help.*

**6. Cynical doubting or skeptical of the motives or sincerity of others**

*I was quite cynical when Maddie said she’d help; she never helps out.*

**7. Diligent showing determined, hard-working effort in doing something**

*Because he was so diligent, Hugh accomplished far more than his colleagues.*

**8. Embarrass to become or cause someone to become humiliated or ill at ease**

*Was I embarrassed? My face was redder than a tomato!*

**9. Facet a part or possible aspect of something**

*Studying the business’s failure, I realized that poor management was just one facet of the problem.*

**10. Immaculate absolutely clean, neat, and free from blemish; faultless perfection**

*Immaculate and gleaming, I hardly recognized the normally filthy room.*

**11. Intolerant showing an unwillingness to accept different views or behaviors**

*Our teacher is intolerant of several things: late work, talking without permission, and cheating.*

**12. Maintenance work done regularly to keep a machine or building in good condition**

*To keep your vehicle in great shape, you should take it to the shop for routine maintenance.*

**13. Myriad a great variety of something; a great number of something**

*Thinking carefully, she considered the myriad of paint colors she could choose from.*

**14. Optimistic having a positive, hopeful attitude about something in the future**

*With an optimistic attitude and determination, Devon went about fixing up the old restaurant.*

**15. Pessimistic having a negative, doubting attitude about something in the future**

*Fiona was pessimistic about the team’s chances; she was sure they’d lose.*

**16. Reciprocate to give or feel something in return for something given**

*When a friend doesn’t reciprocate your interest in them, that friendship is likely to end.*

**17. Seething full of pent up anger**

*Seething, Victor left the room before he said something he’d regret.*

**18. Stymie to prevent someone from making further progress**

*The criminal stymied the police’s efforts by lying about where he hid the evidence.*

**19. Torturous causing or designed to cause severe pain, especially as a punishment**

*Nicki decided the extreme exercise routine was torturous; thus, she quit.*

**20. Versatile able or meant to be used in many different ways; changeable**

*The new Super Blender is so versatile, there’s no limit to the ways it can be used.*

**Sentence Pattern: Each sentence should contain a compound subject and/or a compound predicate**

1. Susan and Samantha scrubbed the floor until it was *immaculate*.

2. I was *cynical* of Josh’s motives and decided not to have him join the team.

3. The soldier *diligently* kept watch and alerted the sergeant when he saw the enemy approaching.

4. Ted and Tina looked over the *myriad* of options and discussed which one would be the best.