***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #8***

**1. Achievement something someone has succeeded in doing, usually with effort**

 *Wilt scored 100 points in a game; it’s an achievement no one has come close to duplicating.*

**2. Array a large number or wide range of people or things**

*At the fabric store, you’ll find an array of fabrics, colors, and designs.*

**3. Buoyant cheerful; recovering quickly from failure; able to float or rise to the surface**

*Although Megan didn’t get the job, she remained buoyant and applied at several more places.*

**4. Coherent logically put together, making sense**

 *Unfortunately, your essay is not coherent; information is pieced together in random order.*

**5. Conceal to hide from sight, to prevent from being found**

*Either Lucy is concealing her guilt quite well, or she just didn’t do it.*

**6. Deafening extremely or unbearably loud**

*Arrgh! The music coming from the apartment next door is deafening!*

**7. Differentiate to tell the difference between**

 *Looking closely at the two similar colors, I was able to differentiate one shade from the other.*

**8. Diminish to make or become smaller or less important**

*The storm clouds suddenly diminished, and the sun brightly shone.*

**9. Facetious intended to be funny, but overly sarcastic or silly**

*Because he’s so facetious, I never know whether to take him seriously or not.*

**10. Glimpse a quick or incomplete look**

*Quickly, the girl glimpsed around the corner to see if her parents were looking.*

**11. Immature not fully grown; childish or foolish**

 *How immature is Susie? She literally crossed her arms and pouted when I explained we couldn’t go.*

**12. Intricate containing many details or small parts combine in a complex way**

*Designed by engineers from Microsoft, the new computer chip is extremely intricate.*

**13. Melodramatic acting or speaking in a way that is more emotional than appropriate**

 *She was melodramatic when she began sobbing that her pencil broke and claimed her life was over.*

**14. Mystify to puzzle; to make one unable to explain or understand something**

*The disappearance of Amelia Earhart will mystify researchers for years to come.*

**15. Originally at first or from the beginning**

*Originally, I thought he was being facetious, but the look on his face told me he was serious.*

**16. Permeate to enter something and spread throughout it**

*The smell of garlic (Mom was cooking Italian again) permeated the entire house.*

**17. Preposterous outrageous or absurd; beyond what is reasonable**

*“It is preposterous,” exclaimed the general, “to suggest that their small troop could defeat our army!”*

**18. Recommend to suggest or express approval of something or someone**

*Having just gotten an F on your test, I recommend you ask the teacher for extra credit.*

**19. Separate not touching or connected; unrelated**

*Little Brenda, who is ridiculously picky, cannot have the different foods on her plate touching.*

**20. Veteran one who was in the military; one with experience in an occupation**

*If you are a veteran of the armed services, we owe you a debt of gratitude for defending our country.*

**Sentence Pattern: Each sentence should consist of two independent clauses (complete sentences) combined with a comma and a coordinating conjunction.**

***And But Or Yet So For***

1. It is *preposterous* to think that you can finish this on your own, so I suggest you get some help.

2. Ted is very optimistic and *buoyant*, but I’m afraid he’s just going to end up disappointed.

3. There was a wide *array* of ties to choose from, yet Mr. Martin didn’t like any of them.

4. His smile looked so innocent, yet it was clear he was *concealing* a dark secret.