***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #13***

**1. Advocate one who supports or speaks in favor of something**

*For over forty years, lawyer Jay Jansen has been an advocate for those injured on the job.*

**2. Astute insightful and perceptive; noticing what others don’t**

*Mortimer found four typos in the textbook today; he’s highly astute.*

**3. Cantankerous easily angered and difficult to get along with; grouchy**

*Yelling angrily, the cantankerous old man scared the children away from his home.*

**4. Congratulations the act of expressing pleasure to someone for an achievement**

*Congratulations! You’re the lucky winner of the One Penny Sweepstakes!*

**5. Decipher to make out the meaning of writing or a code**

*The code (a mix of ancient symbols) could not be deciphered.*

**6. Disdain extreme disgust and hate for something or somebody**

*“I disdain lima beans,” the teenager screamed, “and I hope you never make me eat them again.”*

**7. Enthusiasm passionate interest in or eagerness to do something**

*Smiling, the students could hardly contain their enthusiasm about the new spelling unit.*

**8. Fictitious invented by someone’s imagination; part of a work of fiction**

*Deviously, Damon tried to convince us his fictitious story was true.*

**9. Gruesome showing or involving death or injury in a disturbing way**

*The movie’s battle scene, which featured an abundance of gruesome violence, was my favorite part.*

**10. Impoverished reduced to poverty; lacking the means to live**

*In the impoverished nation of Malawi, children are lucky to see their fifth birthday.*

**11. Jealousy bitter unhappy feelings because another has what you do not have**

*Consequently, Julian was jealous when he saw Brian having dinner with his ex-girlfriend.*

**12. Marvelous extraordinarily wonderful**

*Having received all perfect 10’s on her routine, the marvelous gymnast won gold.*

**13. Negligent continually careless or irresponsible**

*Having cleaned her room, Pam was, for once, not negligent in doing her chores.*

**14. Paralyze to cause someone to lose the ability to move a part of the body**

*The woman, who was paralyzed from the waist down, gets around well in her wheelchair.*

**15. Procedure any method of doing or accomplishing something**

*Having finished the procedure, the surgeon stitched up the patient’s brain.*

**16. Religious having beliefs concerning the existence, nature, and worship of God**

*There are many different religious people in America: Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, and Christians.*

**17. Sincerely honestly, seriously**

*“My sincere wish for you,” Megan replied, “is for you to be happy.”*

**18. Sufficient enough; as much as needed**

*The amount raised wasn’t sufficient (we needed $5,000 more to keep the community center open).*

**19. Translucent allowing light to partially pass through**

*Because the alien’s face was translucent, I could see it’s brain.*

**20. Villain an evil character; an antagonist**

*Finally, the hero encountered the villain and captured him.*

**Sentence Pattern: Each sentence should begin with an –ing &--ly combination followed by a comma and then a complete sentence.**

1. Arguing fiercely, the *advocates* for more homework won the debate.

2. Speeding recklessly by the school, the driver was *negligent* of the children’s safety.

3. Working stealthily, the *villains* broke into the house and stole all the jewelry.

4. Investigating carefully, the detectives realized the witness’s account of the incident was *fictitious*.