***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #14***

**1. Aggravate to irritate or anger somebody**

*The most aggravating thing about my brother is that he never shuts up.*

**2. Atrocious ugly in taste or appearance**

*While I thought the brown sweater vest very stylish, the students found it atrocious.*

**3. Careen to sway or swerve while moving at a high speed**

*Careening wildly, the race car struck the track wall and flipped several times.*

**4. Conjecture a conclusion or statement based on incomplete information**

*“I would conjecture,” stated the professor, “that the first galaxy was made of chocolate chips.”*

**5. Decision something someone chooses or makes up their mind about**

*My brother, who was offered another job, has to make a decision as to which job he wants.*

**6. Disease a condition or disorder which causes harmful symptoms**

*Amos Adwiler died of pneumonia (a disease which affects the lungs).*

**7. Elaborate complex (adjective); to give more detail (verb)**

*To earn a better grade on your essay, tried to elaborate more on the major events of your story.*

**8. Environment one’s surroundings**

*Lengthy and alarming, the report demonstrated how the factory would pollute our environment.*

**9. Fiery burning or full of fire; full of anger**

*We glanced up at the fiery volcano, and I thought about turning around.*

**10. Government a group who has the power to make and enforce laws for a country**

*The voters didn’t like the actions of their government officials; thus, they voted for new officials.*

**11. Inadequate failing to reach an expected or required level or standard; not enough**

*“Your effort here is inadequate,” explained the boss, “and that’s why you’re fired.”*

**12. Jostle to knock or bump against somebody; to elbow**

*Rudely, Dan jostled through the crowd so he could be near the stage.*

**13. Negotiate to attempt to come to an agreement on something through discussion**

*After shaking hands, the parent and the teen agreed to sit down and negotiate a new allowance.*

**14. Particular worth mentioning; having high or demanding standards; picky**

*I am very particular about how things are placed on my desk, so don’t move anything.*

**15. Procrastinate to postpone doing something, usually because it is difficult**

*“It isn’t wise,” reminded Mr. Martin, “to procrastinate doing your homework until the last minute.”*

**16. Reluctantly feeling or showing no willingness or enthusiasm to do something**

*“Don’t you think it’s unfair,” Sarah reluctantly questioned the principal, “that he’s being punished?”*

**17. Skeptical tending not to believe or accept things but to question them**

*Theo, skeptical of the girl’s claims about her past, snuck into the office to look at her files.*

**18. Superficial only concerned with the surface of something; shallow in character; stuck up**

*How superficial! You say we’re friends to my face, but tell your buddies you just feel sorry for me!*

**19. Traumatic extremely distressing or frightening, often with long-term effects**

*Due to a traumatic childhood experience at the circus, Jake fears clowns.*

**20. Vindictive looking for revenge; feeling a desire to hurt someone**

*Having egged her cheating boyfriend’s car, the vindictive girl dashed down the alley.*

**Sentence Pattern: Begin with a comparison or contrast transition. A comma will be necessary.**

**Comparison Transitions--***In comparison, correspondingly, identically, like, likewise, similarly, along with, just as, in the same way, by the same token*

**Contrast Transitions--***On the contrary, notwithstanding, but, however, nevertheless, in spite of, in contrast, yet, on one hand, on the other hand, rather, or, nor, conversely, at the same time, while this may be true, yet*

1. Likewise, Bill also *conjectured* that orange is the most common color of Skittles.

2. By the same token, I’m also *skeptical* that you’re telling me the entire truth.

3. In spite of the bully getting punished, Gabe still felt *vindictive* toward him.

4. Similarly, the students *negotiated* a deal with Mr. Martin to have no homework.