***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #17***

**1. Alienate to make someone feel that they don’t belong or don’t share something**

*With their inside jokes and random snickers, the girls alienated the newcomers.*

**2. Attribute a quality, property, or characteristic of someone or thing**

*Among her many positive attributes, Ginnifer is extraordinarily generous.*

**3. Authentic original, not false or copied**

*After studying the ancient document carefully, I determined it to be authentic.*

**4. Censure to criticize severely; to discipline by physical punishment**

*If I come home after my curfew again, you can bet I’ll get censured by my folks.*

**5. Consistent reliable, having done something time after time; in matching with a group**

*Because Billy is consistent in his effort and superb performance, I nominated him for the award.*

**6. Console to provide a source of comfort to somebody who is distressed**

*I had difficulty consoling little Lizzy when her goldfish died (she over fed it).*

**7. Defiant openly and boldly disobedient**

*The defiant child, who had been given two detentions already, stuck her tongue out at the teacher.*

**8. Dispense to give services, funds, or advice to many people; to get rid of**

*Generous and caring, Donald Trump dispensed $1,000 bills to the homeless of New York City.*

**9. Essential completely necessary**

*Matilda added the essential ingredient to her witch’s brew, puppy tails.*

**10. Fluorescent bright and dazzling in color; a type of electric light**

*Why purchase fluorescent bulbs? They’re energy efficient!*

**11. Hysterical showing or causing uncontrollable emotion, often by laughter or crying**

*Having seen a ghost in her room, Vanessa rushed out in a hysterical panic.*

**12. Mediate to work with both sides in a disagreement to help reach a solution**

*Acting as a “go between,” Ralph helped mediate between the striking workers and management.*

**13. Nonchalant calm and unconcerned about a thing; laidback**

*Due to the fact that Sue had millions in the bank, she was rather nonchalant about the stolen money.*

**14. Perilous involving exposure to great danger**

*Tim studied the perilous gap in the foot bridge, backed up, sprinted, and leaped over it.*

**15. Prominent well-known; noticeable; longest or tallest**

*Ms. Edwards (a prominent millionaire business woman) funded the cancer research center.*

**16. Renowned well-known or famous, especially for a skill or expertise**

*The Great Gardino (the most renowned magician of our time) will be performing next week.*

**17. Slovenly messy and unclean in appearance**

*The slovenly teenage boy, with uncombed hair and dirty, wrinkled clothing, plopped into the seat.*

**18. Soothe to make someone less angry, anxious, or upset**

*Kindly and calmly, the mother tried to soothe her upset daughter.*

**19. Tsunami a large destructive ocean wave caused by an underwater earthquake**

*In summary, the Japanese tsunami of 2011 was the most destructive in the country’s history.*

**20. Volatile likely to become suddenly violent or dangerous; explosive**

*Angered by being left off the invitations list, Jo became volatile and started throwing dishes.*

**Sentence Pattern: Each sentence should begin with a prepositional phrase that is followed by a comma. (See p.346 for a complete list of prepositions)**

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above as beyond in front of on through upon

according to at by in place of on account of throughout with

1. Aside from his *consistent* refusal to do his work, Morty is actually a pleasant student.

2. Since my two best friends wouldn’t make up, I tried to *mediate* between them.

3. As the only girl on the football team, Shawna felt *alienated* at times.

4. Aside from his *slovenly* appearance, Bob is actually quite pleasant to be around.