***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #18***

**1. Alleviate to make pain or hardship more bearable or less severe**

*With a warm blanket and a soft pillow, Carrie went to alleviate the accident victim’s suffering.*

**2. Audacious bold, daring, or fearless, especially in challenging authority**

*Speaking audaciously, the student told the teacher he was mistaken.*

**3. Cease to put an end or stop to something**

*Production on the car ceased, the workers were laid off, and the factory doors were shut.*

**4. Conspicuous easily seen or noticed; standing out as a result of looking unusual**

*The spy didn’t want to be conspicuous at the party, so he disguised himself as just another guest.*

**5. Definitely without a doubt**

*I could definitely smell the putrid stench of something dead beneath the porch.*

**6. Dispute to question the truth of something; to argue about something**

*Phil wanted to dispute Ted’s claim that the Cardinals would win, but he had to go to class.*

**7. Establish to start up something that is intended to continue or be permanent**

*Ed’s Ostrich Emporium was established back in 1934, and it has always offered the finest ostriches.*

**8. Foreign from or located in a country other than one’s own**

*Wow! Brazil is the most beautiful foreign country I’ve ever visited.*

**9. Haphazardly happening or done in a way that is not careful or planned out**

*Having haphazardly finished his assignment, Ron imagined he would not receive a good grade.*

**10. Industrious hard-working, careful to do a good job, and energetic**

*Sally, the most industrious worker on staff, completed four jobs before anyone else finished one.*

**11. Judicious having or displaying careful judgment**

*Having thought about it carefully, Sarah felt she was making a judicious decision.*

**12. Melancholy a gentle, long-lasting sadness**

*Sarah was melancholy about the break-up, and she didn’t feel like going to the dance.*

**13. Nostalgic in a mood to think back upon one’s past**

*Sitting in his old bedroom, Quinn became nostalgic about his childhood.*

**14. Perseverance steady action toward a goal despite difficulties or setbacks**

*Moreover, Craig’s perseverance helped him become the first person to swim across the ocean.*

**15. Profuse (amount) occurring or appearing in large amounts**  *With broom in hand and*

*a trash can near, Jan began sweeping up the profuse amount of dust left by the storm.*

**16. Reprimand a very severe scolding or “telling off”**

*“Don’t ever do that again,” reprimanded my mom, “or you’ll be grounded for eternity.”*

**17. Sanguine cheerfully optimistic, hopeful, or confident**

*For someone who just lost their job, Bill was surprisingly sanguine.*

**18. Suspicious creating suspicion; believing things are different than they seem**

*I find you suspicious because you’re dressed in black, you keep looking around, and you’re acting sneaky.*

**19. Turbulent full of violent motion and distress**

*With a war abroad and civilian protests at home, Lyndon B. Johnson’s presidency was turbulent.*

**20. Voracious having a huge appetite; especially enthusiastic about an activity**

*As a result of her voracious appetite for reading, she had read every book in the series by year’s end.*

**This week’s sentence pattern: Each sentence should begin with “To” + a verb phrase (this is called the present infinitive form), followed by a comma and a complete sentence.**

1. To appear *conspicuous* at the game, just dress up like a clown.

2. To avoid *haphazardly* studying for the test, take the time to review all the boldface words in the chapter.

3. To become *nostalgic* for my high school days, I just flip through my old yearbooks.

4. To get back on Mr. Martin’s good side after insulting him, you must apologize *profusely.*