***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #26***

**1. Antagonize to arouse someone’s anger so that they fight back**

*Moreover, Melvin began antagonizing his sister until she kicked him.*

**2. Beneficial producing a good or helpful effect**

*If you think an extra hour of study would be beneficial, then do it.*

**3. Colossal unusually or impressively large**

*When I look up at the colossal St. Louis arch, I try to figure out how they build it.*

**4. Convey****to communicate or express something**

*Although Mr. Martin tried to convey the importance of studying, the students ignored him.*

**5. Desperate overwhelmed with urgency and anxiety, to the point of losing hope**

*Running and screaming, the fans desperately wanted to get a glimpse of their hero.*

**6. Eccentric showing an odd or irregular pattern of behaviors or traits**

*Having danced in the middle of the street, the eccentric man then ran down an alley.*

**7. Exhibit to display something, especially a work of art, in a public way**

*The artist attended the party, exhibited some of his paintings, and mingled with the crowd.*

**8. Frolic to lightheartedly play or skip around without care**

*Frolicking around the park, the children spent all their pent up energy.*

**9. Humane characterized by tenderness and sympathy for people and animals**

*If you own a dog but refuse to feed it, you are not humane.*

**10. Innumerable too many to be counted**

*There is an innumerable amount of reasons (your green hair among them) why I won’t date you.*

**11. Leisurely to do something without hurry**

*Leisurely, the couple strolled along the beach watching the sunrise.*

**12. Miscellaneous made up of random things that have no connection with each other**

*There are several miscellaneous items in the drawer: a hair dryer, rubber bands, and Q-Tips.*

**13. Obsolete outdated, no longer in use**

*Compact discs are becoming obsolete; everyone downloads their music these days.*

**14. Piercing having an unpleasantly intense, loud quality**

*From the dark basement, I heard a blood-curdling, piercing scream.*

**15. Quandary a situation in which the right course of action is hard to determine**

*Samantha was in quite a quandary; she could have fun at the dance or study at home for her tests.*

**16. Ricochet to hit a surface and bounce in a different direction**

*The bullet ricocheted off the metal sign, and then it nearly hit my leg.*

**17. Squabble to have a silly, noisy argument about something of little importance.**

*Arguing loudly, the two children squabbled over who would get to sit up front.*

**18. Tenacious persistent in holding on to something; refusing to give in or let go**

*Tenacious and stubborn, the battalion of soldiers refused to surrender.*

**19. Unorthodox not done in the regular or traditional manner**

*Your method of writing the conclusion first is unorthodox; nevertheless, it seems to work for you.*

**20. Writhe to twist in a way that suggest severe pain**

*Writhing, the bug slowly succumbed to the insect repellent and died.*

**Sentence pattern: Write a sentence that involves a “split quotation.” In a split quotation, the quotation is interrupted to show who is talking and how they’re talking. Be careful to use quotation marks and commas correctly. Do not use “said.” You should be able to fit the two parts of the quote together into one complete sentence. Watch out for run-ons.**

1. “Tera is an extremely *eccentric* person,” quipped the boss, “and often sings to the plants in her cubical.”

2. “If you find an object that doesn’t fit into any category,” instructed Ross, “just put it in the box marked ‘*miscellaneous*’.”

3. “His method of traveling to work by pogo stick,” remarked Tess, “is certainly *unorthodox*.”

4. “Running out of gas in the middle of the desert,” remembered Fred, “put us in quite a *quandary*.”