***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #27***

**1. Ambitious having a strong desire to be successful in life**

*Teddy Roosevelt (1856-1919) was ambitious even as a boy, petitioning his city for more parks.*

**2. Anticipate to expect something to happen; to prepare ahead of time for**

**all possibilities** *We anticipated it might not work, so we made a Plan B.*

**3. Belligerent the quality of being an argumentative, disrespectful loudmouth**

*Because he was being belligerent, the teacher sent him to the office.*

**4. Commence to begin happening; to begin something**

*With his water balloons and shaving cream at hand, Jake commenced his attack on the girls.*

**5. Copious an abundant or large quantity of something**

*In Gracie’s bedroom, you’ll find a copious amount of stuffed animals.*

**6. Despise to dislike somebody or something with intense disgust**

*Nevertheless, I still despise him for lying to me.*

**7. Ecstatic extremely happy and pleased**

*When she realized she had won the lottery, Susan became ecstatic.*

**8. Exotic unusual or exciting because of being from a faraway land**

*Having fed his exotic jungle snake, Al fell asleep peacefully thinking his pet wouldn’t eat him.*

**9. Frugal characterized by spending little and avoiding waste**

*Because mom is so frugal, she doesn’t have to spend a ton of money on groceries.*

**10. Humiliate to damage somebody's dignity or pride, especially publicly**

*Crying, the humiliated girl ran to the bathroom.*

**11. Inquisitive curious, eager for knowledge, and often asking questions**

*Sarah is extremely inquisitive in the kitchen, asking her mom endless questions as she cooks.*

**12. Lenient showing tolerance or mercy in dealing with crime or misbehavior**

*Luke’s parents (who were never known to be lenient) grounded him for two weeks.*

**13. Mischievous behaving in a naughty or troublesome way, but usually meant in fun**

*The mischievous dog (my neighbor’s) did something horrid on my lawn.*

**14. Obstacle someone or something that hinders or prevents progress**

*Although her broken printer was an obstacle, Jan still got her essay turned in on time.*

**15. Quantity an amount or number of something**

*What quantity of pencils did you want to order today, Mr. Smith?*

**16. Ridicule to insult or make fun of**

*Laughing, Wally ridiculed the little boy until he began to cry.*

**17. Scenario a possible situation that might arise**

*“One scenario that could occur,” suggested Lisa, “is that there could be a three-way tie.”*

**18. Squander to waste; to spend or use more than is necessary**

*Foolishly, the rich young man squandered all his wealth on partying.*

**19. Tentative likely to change before becoming final and complete**

*Is the schedule for our upcoming trip tentative, or is it likely to change?*

**20. Unprecedented having never been done before; unmatched**

*Vanessa, a Jamaican athlete, jumped an unprecedented 24 feet in the long jump.*

**Sentence pattern: Here’s the pattern—“Having” + a perfect participle verb (usually the same form as past tense) +comma + a complete sentence.**

1. Having called her mom an ugly name, the *belligerent* child was given a spanking.

2. Having trailed the badger back to its den, the *inquisitive* scientist looked for the presence of other badgers.

3. Having discussed it with his surfer pals, Pat decided the worst case *scenario* is that he’d get eaten by a shark.

4. Having collected a *copious* amount of rare stamps, Zac began to arrange them in a scrapbook.