***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #28***

**1. Antiquated old-fashioned, in need of updating or replacing, antique**

*By 1930 the horse and buggy had become antiquated, as most everyone drove an automobile.*

**2. Benevolent desiring to help others; charitable**

*Unlike the tightwad Mr. Scrooge, the benevolent Mr. Martin gives away money to all who ask.*

**3. Charisma the ability to inspire enthusiasm, interest, and affection through one’s charm** *A leader with charisma is likely to be successful.*

**4. Commiserate to express sympathy or sorrow for other’s misfortune**

*Unlike my jerk friend here, I can commiserate with what you’re going through.*

**5. Cordial courteous and gracious; friendly**

*Hannah, a cordial eighth grader, invited the new girl to sit by her at lunch.*

**6. Destitute lacking the means to live**

*The destitute family lacked everything: food, clothing, money, housing, and transportation.*

**7. Eerie mysterious, so as to inspire superstitious fear; weird**

*Glowing brightly, the eerie green substance began to smoke and crackle.*

**8. Exhilarated unusually happy; made to feel lively**

*The child was exhilarated when the ice cream truck approached; orange push-ups were his favorite.*

**9. Furious excessively angry**

*With an agitated tone and wide eyes, the furious customer voiced his complaint to the manager.*

**10. Humorous intended to be amusing and to make people laugh**

*If you find it humorous when others hurt themselves, there may be something wrong with you.*

**11. Insatiable always wanting more (especially food); not able to be satisfied**

*Teenage boys are notorious for their insatiable appetites, and Billy is no exception.*

**12. Intermittent occurring irregularly or randomly; happening off and on**

*There were intermittent showers throughout the day; it’d rain one minute and be sunny the next.*

**13. Lethargic physically and mentally slow as a result of illness, tiredness, or drugs.**

*Additionally, having mononucleosis (or “mono”) can lead one to feel incredibly lethargic.*

**14. Miserable very sad and depressed to the point of not responding to comfort**

*The weather was miserable; the wind was howling and the air was frigid.*

**15. Obstruct to cause a blockage or to slow down**

*Because the road was obstructed by a fallen tree, we had to take a different path.*

**16. Quarrel an angry dispute between two or more people**

*Quarreling, the angry couple asked for their check and left the restaurant.*

**17. Rigorous something very difficult and demanding that doesn’t allow for rest**

*Breathing heavily, Roger wondered if he could complete the rigorous exercise routine.*

**18. Tepid slightly warm**

*The water wasn’t freezing, but was actually a bit tepid.*

**19. Unsympathetic refusing to show pity or compassion**

*If you’re unsympathetic to others, they might not be there for you when you meet with sorrow.*

**20. Zealous actively and overly enthusiastic toward a goal or idea**

*Zealous and determined, the candidate knocked on every single person’s door to ask for their vote.*

**Sentence pattern: Write a sentence that correctly uses an ellipsis (…). An ellipsis can be used to indicate (1) a break in speech or thought, (2) a trailing off of thought, and (3) that a list of items continues. It can also be used to (4) create a sense of suspense, surprise, or importance.**

1. I fired Ted because his attendance at work was… *intermittent* to say the least.

2. Gerard’s *insatiable* appetite for books compelled him to read anything: history, fiction, biography, plays, poetry…

3. I wonder if aliens from outer space view our technology as *antiquated*. I just wonder…

4. Yancey hurried back to the hot tub just in time… to find the water *tepid*.