***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #9***

**1. Acquaint to make one’s self familiar with or aware of something or someone**

*Obviously, Fred was not acquainted with the finer points of personal hygiene.*

**2. Articulate to clearly express thoughts, ideas, or feelings**

*Confident and articulate, Janice proved herself to be a very effective speaker.*

**3. Concede to reluctantly accept something as true; to admit failure or give up**

*As the votes were counted, it was clear he wouldn’t win, so he conceded victory to his opponent.*

**4. Conniving planning and scheming to deceive**

*The conniving tweens (with false identification handy) stood in line for the R-rated movie.*

**5. Diminutive very small or much smaller than usual**

*What a diminutive dog! I could fit it in a little tea cup!*

**6. Empathize to identify with and understand someone’s feelings or difficulties**

*In order to empathize with the tornado survivors, I had to think back to the time I lost my home.*

**7. Fascinating inspiring great interest or attraction**

*The fascinating new species of jellyfish, the Twinkle Jelly, has dozens of randomly flashing tentacles.*

**8. Fiasco a total failure, especially a humiliating one**

*The play was a total fiasco: actors forgot lines, the backdrop collapsed mid-scene, and a light fell.*

**9. Immediately at once, without delay or pause**

*Having heard the news, I immediately called my brother to see if was okay.*

**10. Impervious not bothered by other’s opinions or efforts; not allowing something through**

*The coach was impervious to the fans’ booing; he’d stick with his original game plan.*

**11. Irrational lacking reason; unable to think logically**

*He’d only played once; therefore, it was irrational for Simon to think he could beat the chess master.*

**12. Malicious motivated by a desire to do harm or cause pain to another**

*In her anger, Rhonda maliciously threw an elbow at the opposing point guard.*

**13. Naïve overly trusting of others; overly optimistic *(2 dots called a trema)***

*Is Steve naïve? I once convinced him I had an app that translated dog barks into English.*

**14. Ornery uncooperative, irritable, or in a mood to cause trouble**

**“***If you boys don’t stop being ornery,” threatened the dad, “I’m going to pull this car over.”*

**15. Prestigious an attractiveness associated with honor, importance, or high opinion**

*The Pulitzer Prize, given annually to the nation’s top reporters, is a prestigious award.*

**16. Reconcile to be friendly again after a disagreement; to meet again after a long absence**

*After thirty years of refusing to speak to one another, the brothers finally reconciled.*

**17. Serene calm and untroubled**

*Contrary to his usual moodiness, Peter was rather serene today.*

**18. Substantial great in amount, value, or importance**

*With the substantial amount of money he inherited, Mort figured he could retire early.*

**19. Tragedy a very sad or disastrous event**

*Sobbing, Linda felt overwhelmed by the tragedy that had occurred.*

**20. Vibrant having dazzling, radiant colors; full of liveliness or energy**

*In contrast to the vibrant colors painter Marc Chagall used, Rembrandt’s work features darker tones.*

**Sentence Pattern: Write a sentence that correctly uses one of the correlative conjunction pairs below.**

*Not only… ,but Both… and Either… or Neither… nor Whether… or*

1. Either Mr. Stevens was *impervious* to the students’ insults or he hadn’t heard what they said.

2. Not only did Jane *concede* she was at fault for the accident, but she offered to pay for any damages.

3. Both Frank and Alana knew they should put aside their differences and *reconcile.*

4. Whether you can *empathize* with Tom’s difficulties or not, you have to agree he’s had a rough life.