***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #15***

**1. Agile able to move quickly, nimbly, and with skill**

 *Having broken the hurdling world-record, the agile athlete guzzled a Gatorade.*

**2. Attain to succeed in reaching; to earn**

*After earning her degree, Alicia was able to attain her goal of landing a high-paying job.*

**3. Cascade to descend like a waterfall; many of an object falling at once**

*When Ted opened the crammed closet, sporting equipment cascaded out on top of him.*

**4. Connoisseur an expert in a field who can detect small differences between items**

*Wanda, a cheese connoisseur, told us the sharp cheddar was especially good.*

**5. Correlate having or showing a relationship between two things**

*Clearly, studying and test performance correlate positively.*

**6. Decrepit in poor condition, especially as a result of being old or overused**

*The decrepit old farm house (built in the 1870s) is supposedly haunted.*

**7. Disguise to put or keep something or someone out of sight**

*The bank robbers disguised themselves as Teletubbies; it was all over the news.*

**8. Equipped provided with what’s needed for a particular task**

*With his backpack full and his map out, Robbie was equipped to begin the hike.*

**9. Finale the final event in a series**

*During the grand finale, dozens of radiant fireworks suddenly exploded above us.*

**10. Guarantee something that assures a specific outcome; a promise of quality**

*If you’re ever unhappy with our product, we’ll give your money back, guaranteed.*

**11. Journey a trip from one place to another**

*With Bob and Judy, I journeyed to the exotic land of Tanzania.*

**12. Medieval relating to, involving, or typical of the Middle Ages in Europe (500-1400)**

*In Medieval times, people believed bad air caused the plague; however, the cause was bacteria.*

**13. Peculiar uncommon or unusual; standing out from others**

*The peculiar dentist, a bearded old man, began singing a song about my teeth.*

**14. Proficient having a high degree of skill in something**

*Donald is extremely proficient in typing; he can type 70 words per minute with no errors.*

**15. Reminisce to talk or write about events remembered from the past**

*I could reminisce with you all day about our grade school memories, but I’ve got to be leaving.*

**16. Skirmish to briefly fight; to engage in a minor battle**

*Skirmishing, the two students were soon broken up by the principal.*

**17. Stealthy done quietly and quickly to avoid notice**

*Stealthy and sly, the fox crept into the chicken coop for another “chicknapping.”*

**18. Superfluous more than what is necessary, too much**

 **“***We have so many donations,” announced Katie, “that anymore would be superfluous.”*

**19. Treacherous involving hidden dangers or hazards; betraying one’s trust**

*Courageously, Velma navigated the small kayak through the treacherous rapids.*

**20. Vital necessary for something or someone to survive or be successful**

 *Is it vital that you complete your homework? Only if you want to pass this class.*

**Sentence Pattern: Begin with a cause or effect transition. A comma will be necessary.**

 **Cause Transitions Effect Transitions**

***Because of…, In view of..., As a result,… Hence,…***

***Seeing that…, Due to…, Consequently,… For this reason,…***

***Since…, In order to…, Therefore,… Thus,…***

1. Since Thelma is such a *connoisseur* concerning poetry, I’ll ask her if she’ll look over my poem.

2. Consequently, any more volunteers would be *superfluous*.

3. Seeing that the *medieval* torture device is all set up, let’s put it to good use!

4. Because of the song on the radio, I *reminisced* about my childhood days.