***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #23***

**1. Animosity a feeling of anger and ill-will between people**

*Because of all our past fights, there’s still some animosity between my sister and me.*

**2. Barricade a barrier that blocks progress; to stop someone from entering**

*Frantically, we barricaded the doors and windows to prevent the zombies from breaking in.*

**3. Circumspect considering all possible outcomes, seeing the whole picture**

*If you would have been more circumspect, you would have seen this coming.*

**4. Contrive to make or plan something in a skillful or ingenious way**

*Amazing! The students have contrived a homework completing machine!*

**5. Criteria a standard used for judging something**

*Included in the criteria for passing the driving test, students must correctly park and turn.*

**6. Depict to portray or describe something as being a certain way**

*Jon’s story depicts me as a cruel person, but I’m actually a nice guy.*

**7. Dwindle to fall or decrease in importance or value**

*In summary, our savings are quickly dwindling, so we must cut spending immediately.*

**8. Exemplary so good that others should copy or follow it; a perfect example**

*Reagan has all the qualities of an exemplary student: diligence, kindness, and cleverness.*

**9. Fraudulent not true or fair, intended to deceive others**

*The company’s money-back guarantee was fraudulent; they didn’t give me a dime back.*

**10. Hindrance someone or something that makes it difficult to achieve a goal**

*Sarah’s stuttering problem was a hindrance to her meeting guys, so she tried E-Harmony.*

**11. Labyrinth a confusing or complicated maze of passages; a confusing arrangement**

*Before I became familiar with this school, I thought the hallways seemed like a labyrinth.*

**12. Miniature a smaller-than-usual version of something**

*To make miniature doll house furniture, you’ll need a magnifying glass and a tweezers.*

**13. Obliterate to destroy something so that nothing remains**

*Finally, the monster truck completely obliterated the old cars.*

**14. Phenomenal very remarkable, unbelievably great**

*Staring in amazement, the crowd watched the phenomenal fireworks show.*

**15. Pungent strong smelling or strong tasting, usually in a bad way**

*If you smell something pungent coming from the baby room, then little Bobby probably needs to be changed.*

**16. Resplendent shining brilliantly, gleaming, splendid**

*The meadow was resplendent with wildflowers, and wildlife frolicked about.*

**17. Spectrum a wide range of values or perspectives**

*Consequently, there was a whole spectrum of opinions about the President’s surprise decision.*

**18. Taunt to provoke, ridicule, or tease someone in a hurtful or mocking way**

*There were several boys taunting the opposing team after the victory: Jim, Tim, Bill, and Will.*

**19. Underprivileged denied the normal advantages and opportunities of a society**

*The children of this neighborhood are underprivileged, so they deserve a park where they can play.*

**20. Whimsical slightly odd, imaginative, or playfully humorous**

*Mitch wrote whimsical stories about a family of unicorns, and they make his classmates laugh.*

**Sentence pattern: Each sentence should include an adverbial conjunction (see list below) that is preceded by a semicolon ( ; ) and followed by a comma. The pattern is as follows: sentence+semicolon+adverbial conjunction+comma+sentence.**

*however indeed instead moreover nevertheless meanwhile*

*thus likewise furthermore therefore consequently hence*

1. Suzy met all the criteria for being on high honor role; therefore, the principal added her to the list of students.

2. I thought the two lawyers liked one another; however, there appears to be some *animosity* between them.

3. Mrs. Melvin was quite *circumspect* when she planned the field trip; hence, she was prepared for everything.

4. His directions led us through a *labyrinth* of back roads; consequently, we had some trouble finding his place.