***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #24***

**1. Announce to declare or report something publicly**

*If I announce to the class that I am really a vampire, then they’ll just think I’m joking.*

**2. Bedraggled wet, dirty, and messy**

*The bedraggled dog, which had spent the night out in the rain, left its muddy prints on the carpet.*

**3. Coincidence something that happens by chance in a surprising or remarkable way**

*Unbelievably, it was only a coincidence that everyone wore an orange shirt to class.*

**4. Controversial causing strong disagreement or debate**

*The controversial article, which calls abortion immoral, was argued about among the friends.*

**5. Depreciate to fall or decrease in value**

*As a result of all the dings and dents on my car, its value has greatly depreciated.*

**6. Earnestly said or done with sincerity and seriousness**

*Ed earnestly tried to keep the business open; however, it went bankrupt and had to close.*

**7. Exercise physical activity intended to keep a person fit**

*Jumping jacks, my favorite exercises, are easy and fun to do.*

**8. Frigid very cold**

*The frigid temperatures yesterday (as low as -10◦) are the coldest on record.*

**9. Horrifying causing one to feel horror**

*Beyond the doorway, I heard a horrifying, spine-tingling screech.*

**10. Initiate to cause something, especially an important event or process, to start**

*To initiate the meeting, our boss asked us our ideas for expanding business to China.*

**11. Lackadaisical without much enthusiasm, energy, or effort**

*With his supervisor gone and a poor attitude, Leo lackadaisically swept up the factory floor.*

**12. Minuscule extremely small or completely insignificant**

*A minuscule amount of poison was in the venom; hence, the snake bite was not fatal.*

**13. Oblivious unaware of or paying no attention to someone or something**

*Singing happily, Victor was oblivious that the entire school could hear him over the intercom.*

**14. Philosophical concerned with deep thought about big issues**

*Rachel found the book to be very philosophical, full of ideas about the meaning of life.*

**15. Pulverize to crush something to powder**

*To pulverize this cup, use a hammer.*

**16. Reverence feelings of deep respect and dedication toward another**

*Followers of most religions have great reverence for their god, believing him to be all-powerful.*

**17. Spectacular impressive to look at or dramatic to watch**

*Surprisingly, the last place team played a spectacular game.*

**18. Technique the procedure, skill, or art used in a specific task**

*Hydroponics, the technique of growing plants in liquid rather than soil, has been around for a while.*

**19. Unfortunate suffering from bad luck**

*To help the unfortunate people this holiday season, we’re holding a food drive.*

**20. Wistful thinking sadly and deeply about something in a wishful way**

*Wistful, the little boy looked longingly in the pet store window at the new puppies.*

**Sentence pattern: Each sentence should correctly use parentheses. There is one space before the first parenthesis and no space after it. There is no space before the second parenthesis and one space after it.**

1. Mr. Ryan (our new social studies teacher) can get quite *philosophical* in discussing history.

2. Competitive eaters view Joey Chesnutt (the record holder in hotdog eating) with great *reverence*.

3. The referee made a *controversial* call at the buzzer that many people (including me) thought lost us the game.

4. The United States tried to *initiate* peace talks with Japan (led by Emperor Hirohito) long before we dropped a nuclear weapon on them.