***Spelling/Vocabulary/Sentence Unit #25***

**1. Annihilate to destroy something completely**

*Angry and jealous, the little boy annihilated his friend’s tree house.*

**2. Begrudgingly showing unwillingness to do something one doesn’t want to do**

*Begrudgingly, Cindy congratulated the girl who beat her in the pageant.*

**3. Collapse to fall or cave in suddenly**

*Whenever Shawn sees blood, he collapses.*

**4. Convenient something that makes things easier, is close by, or involves little effort**

*Conveniently, the couch has a place for you to put your soda, chips, and magazines.*

**5. Descend the act of going from the top to the bottom**

*After the climbers reached the peak of the mountain, they began to descend.*

**6. Eavesdrop to listen to a conversation without the speakers being aware**

*Having eavesdropped on his parents’ conversation, Alvin knew they planned to ground him.*

**7. Exhaust to drain of strength or energy; to wear out**

*Why am I so exhausted? I didn’t exactly get much sleep last night.*

**8. Frivolous not worth taking seriously; of little or no importance.**

*Isn’t it a little frivolous to argue with the teacher that your grade should be 1% higher?*

**9. Hospitable receiving or treating guests or strangers warmly and generously**

*The hospitable host welcomed the guests, introduced his family, and offered refreshments.*

**10. Innocence the state of not being guilty of a crime or offense**

*Although he was found guilty in court, George still asserted his innocence.*

**11. Legitimate real; in accordance to the law; well-reasoned and sincere**

*Unlike Sue’s claim about being abducted by aliens, Dan’s excuse for being late is legitimate.*

**12. Meager an amount or size that is too small**

*Huddling by the fire, the prisoners divided the meager amount of food they had.*

**13. Mirage something that appears to be real but is unreal or imagined**

*Moreover, the desert can cause tired travelers to see mirages.*

**14. Obnoxious very offensive and unpleasant**

*Phil kept making obnoxious jokes about my old car, so I pulled over and told him to get out.*

**15. Picturesque visually charming and pleasing; perfect for the occasion**

*The park was picturesque; it was perfect for the family reunion.*

**16. Puny very small or thin and weak**

*Melvin, the freckle-faced puny kid with big glasses, always gets picked on.*

**17. Rhythm the regular pattern of beats and emphasis in a piece of music**

*Consequently, the crowd couldn’t follow the cheerleaders, and their claps were off rhythm.*

**18. Spontaneous happening suddenly and unexpectedly, without any planning**

*While conducting the chemistry experiment, the chemicals spontaneously combusted.*

**19. Tedious boring because of being long, repetitive, or difficult**

*Some think that spelling practices are tedious, but others find them enjoyable.*

**20. Unique being the only one of a kind**

*You situation is quite unique; nevertheless, I think I may have a solution for you.*

**Sentence Pattern: Properly use quotations to note someone speaking. You cannot use “said.”**

1. “Thank you for the beautiful sweater, Grandma,” Dylan *begrudgingly* murmured as he looked at his hideous gift.

2. “My concern about the meatloaf is *not frivolous*,” complained Susie to the principal.

3. “It appears that Cousin Eddie is the *legitimate* heir to the entire Rockafeller fortune,” the lawyer explained.

4. “You’ll find the staff at the GoodSleep Hotel to be the most *hospitable* anywhere,” claimed the manager.