**English IV Unit 10**

1. **Askance**: adv. With suspicion, distrust, or disapproval
2. **Attenuate**: (v) to make thin or slender; to weaken or lessen in force, intensity or value
3. **Benign**: adj. gentle, kind, forgiving, understanding; having a favorable or beneficial effect; not malignant
4. **Cavil**: (v) to find fault in a petty way, carp; (n) a trivial objection to criticism
5. **Charlatan**: n. one who feigns knowledge or ability; a pretender, impostor or quack
6. **Decimate**: v. to kill or destroy a large part of
7. **Foible**: n. a weak point, failing, minor flaw
8. **Forgo**: (v) to do without, abstain from, give up
9. **Fraught**: adj. full of or loaded with; accompanied by
10. **Inure**: v. to toughen, harden; to render used to something by long subjection or exposure
11. **Luminous**: adj. emitting or reflecting light, glowing; illuminating
12. **Obsequious**: adj. marked by slavish attentiveness; excessively submissive, often for purely self-interested reasons
13. **Obtuse**: adj. blunt, not coming to a point; slow or dull in understanding; measuring between 90 and 180; not causing a sharp impression
14. **Oscillate**: v. to swing back and forth with a steady rhythm; to fluctuate or waver.
15. **Penitent**: adj. regretful for one’s sins or mistakes; n. one who is sorry for wrongdoing.
16. **Peremptory**: adj. having the nature of a command that leaves no opportunity for debate, denial, or refusal; offensively self-assured, dictatorial, determined, resolute
17. **Rebuff**: v. to snub; to repel, drive away; a curt rejection, a check
18. **Reconnoiter**: (v) to engage in reconnaissance, to make a preliminary inspection
19. **Shambles**: (n) a slaughterhouse; a place of mass bloodshed; a state of complete disorder and confusion, mess
20. **Sporadic**: adj. occurring at irregular intervals, having no set plan or order