**dr Vocab Unit 2- Copy in your composition notebook.**

1. **Accost**: (v) to approach and speak to first; to confront in a challenging or aggressive way
2. **Animadversion:** (n) a comment indicating strong criticism or disapproval
3. **Avid**: (adj) desirous of something to the point of greed; intensely eager
4. **Brackish**: (adj) having a salty taste and unpleasant to drink
5. **Celerity**: (n) swiftness, rapidity of motion or action
6. **Devious**: (adj) straying or wandering from a straight or direct course; done or acting in a shifty or underhanded way
7. **Gambit:** (n) in chess, an opening move that involves risk or sacrifice of a minor piece in order to gain a later advantage; any opening move of this type
8. **Halcyon**: (n) a legendary bird identified with the kingfisher; (adj) of or relating to the halcyon: calm, peaceful; happy, golden, prosperous, affluent
9. **Histrionic**: (adj) pertaining to actors and their techniques; theatrical, artificial; melodramatic
10. **Incendiary**: (adj) deliberately setting or causing fires; designed to start fires; tending to stir up strife or rebellion; (n) one who deliberately sets fires, arsonist; one who causes strife
11. **Maelstrom**: (n) a whirlpool of great size and violence; a situation resembling a whirlpool in violence and destruction
12. **Myopic**: (adj) nearsighted; lacking broad, realistic view of a situation; lacking foresight or discernment
13. **Overt**: (adj) open, not hidden; expressed or revealed in a way that is easily recognized
14. **Pejorative:** (adj) tending to make worse; expressing disapproval or disparagement, derogatory, deprecatory, belittling
15. **Propriety**: (n) the state of being proper, appropriateness; (pl) standards of what is proper or socially acceptable
16. **Sacrilege:** (n) improper or disrespectful treatment of something held sacred
17. **Summarily:** (adv) without delay or formality; briefly, concisely
18. **Suppliant:** (adj) asking humbly and earnestly; (n) one who makes a request humbly and earnestly, a petitioner, suitor
19. **Talisman**: (n) an object that serves as a charm or is believed to confer magical powers, an amulet, fetish
20. **Undulate**: (v) to move in waves or with a wavelike motion; to have a wavelike appearance or form