Vocab Unit 9

1. **Acclamation**: (n) a shout of welcome; an overwhelming verbal vote of approval
2. **Bucolic**: (adj) characteristic of the countryside, rural; relating to shepherds and cowherds, pastoral.
3. **Calumniate**: (v) to slander; to accuse falsely and maliciously
4. **Chary**: (adj) extremely cautious, hesitant, or slow to; reserved, diffident
5. **Collusion**: (n) secret agreement or cooperation
6. **Dilettante**: (n) a dabbler in the arts; one who engages in an activity in an amateurish, trifling way
7. **Imperturbable**: (adj) not easily excited; emotionally steady
8. **Increment**: (n) an enlargement, increase, addition
9. **Mandate**: (n) an authoritative command, formal order, authorization. (v) to issue such an order
10. **Paltry**: (adj) trifling, insignificant; mean, despicable; inferior, trashy
11. **Paroxysm**: (n) a sudden outburst; a spasm, convulsion
12. **Pedantry**: (n) a pretentious display of knowledge; overly rigid attention to rules and details
13. **Peregrination**: (n) the act of traveling; an excursion, especially on foot or to a foreign country
14. **Redolent**: (adj) fragrant, smelling strongly; tending to arouse memories or create an aura.
15. **Refulgent**: (adj) shining, radiant, resplendent
16. **Shibboleth**: (n) a word, expression, or custom that distinguishes a particular group of persons from all others; a commonplace saying or truism
17. **Tyro**: (n) a beginner, novice; one with little to no background or skill
18. **Unremitting**: (adj) not stopping, maintained steadily, never letting up, relentless.
19. **Vacillate**: (v) to swing indecisively from one idea or course of action to another; to waver weakly in mind or will.
20. **Vituperative**: (adj) harshly abusive, severely scolding