Vocab Unit 2

1. **Ameliorate**: (v) to make better, correct a flaw or shortcoming
2. **Bombastic**: (adj) pompous or overblown in language; full of high sounding words intended to conceal a lack of ideas.
3. **Callow**: (adj) without experience; immature, not fully developed; lacking sophistication and poise; without feathers
4. **Drivel**: (n) saliva or mucus flowing from the mouth or nose; foolish aimless talk or thinking; (v) to let saliva flow from the mouth; to utter nonsense or childish twaddle; to waste or fritter away foolishly
5. **Epitome**: (n) a summary, condensed account; an instance that represents a larger reality.
6. **Exhort**: (v) to urge strongly, advise earnestly
7. **Infringe**: (v) to violate, trespass, go beyond recognized bounds
8. **Ingratiate**: (v) to make oneself agreeable and thus gain favor or acceptance by others (sometimes used in a critical or derogatory sense)
9. **Interloper**: (n) one who goes in where he or she is not wanted or has no right to be, an intruder
10. **Intrinsic**: (adj) belonging to someone or something by its very nature, essential, inherent; originating in a bodily organ or part
11. **Occult**: (adj) mysterious, magical, supernatural; secret, hidden from view; not detectable by ordinary means; (v) to hide, conceal, eclipse; (n) matters involving the supernatural
12. **Permeate**: (v) to spread through, penetrate, soak through
13. **Precipitate**: (v) to fall as moisture; to cause or bring about suddenly; to hurl down from a great height; to give distance form to; (adj) characterized by excessive haste; (n) moisture; the product of an action or process
14. **Stringent**: (adj) strict, severe; rigorously or urgently binding or compelling; sharp or bitter to the taste
15. **Surmise**: (v) to think or believe without certain supporting evidence; to conjecture or guess; (n) likely idea that lacks definite proof