Unit Four

Pseudonym- A false name used by an author; a pen name

Condescend- To do something one feels is beneath oneself

Blasé- Unexcited or bored about something already experienced repeatedly

Façade- The front of a building

Redundant- Wordy or needlessly repetitive

Benign- Kindly; gentle

Libel- The publishing of false information that harms a person’s reputation

Haughty- Proud of one’s appearance or accomplishments to the point of looking down on others; arrogant

Comprise- To consist of; include

Glib- Characterized by a smooth, easy manner of speaking that often suggests insincerity or thoughtlessness

Endow- To provide with a talent or quality

Disdain- An attitude or feeling of contempt; scorn

Expulsion- The act or condition of being forced to leave

Ominous- Threatening harm or evil; menacing

Divulge- To reveal; make known

Averse- Having a feeling of dislike or distaste for something

Mortify- To humiliate or embarrass

Detract- To lessen what is admirable or worthwhile about something

Elation- A feeling of great joy or pride

Nullify- To make legally ineffective; cancel

Improvise- To compose, perform, or provide without preparation; invent

Credible- Believable

Interim- The period of time in between; meantime

Designate- To name to an office or duty; appoint

Simulate- To act or look like; imitate

Secular- Not directly related to religion; not spiritual; worldly

Cursory- Done quickly and without attention to detail

Shun- To keep away from; avoid consistently

Latent- Present but hidden or inactive

Deviate- To turn aside or stray, as from a path, direction, or standard

Menial- Not requiring special skills or higher intellectual abilities

Empathy-The ability to share in someone else’s feelings or thoughts

Transcend- To rise above or go beyond the limits of; exceed

Commemorate- To honor the memory of someone or something, as with a ceremony; celebrate; observe

Waive- To willingly give up; do without

Consensus- An opinion held by everyone involved

Complacent- Self-satisfied; feeling too much satisfaction with oneself or one’s accomplishments

Diligent-Steady, determined, and careful in work

Niche- An activity or situation especially suited to a person

Deplete-To use up

Gist-The main point or essential part of a matter; central idea

Falter-To act or speak with uncertainty; hesitate

Hamper- To limit, interfere with, or restrict

Frenzy- A wild outburst of excited feelings or actions

Viable- Workable; capable of being successful or effective

Paradox- A statement that seems contradictory yet may be true

Repertoire- A range or collection of skills or accomplishments

Bizarre- Dramatically unusual, as in manner or appearance; strange

Conducive-Tending to promote or bring about

Flaunt- To show off