Unit 1

novice a beginner

procrastinate to delay or put off something embark to begin a trip or journey to put an end to or stop saga long story about a hero

sleuth a detective coy shy or quiet

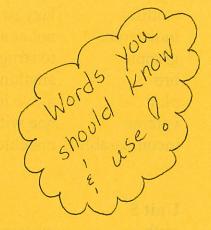
irk to bother or irritate someone

meander to wander idly with no destination in mind

mayhem situation of great confusion

ransack to search a place thoroughly but wildly

caterwaul to screech or wail like a cat



Unit 2

chortle to laugh or chuckle merrily

baffle to confuse or puzzle malady disease or illness

ample having plenty of space

hodgepodge jumble or mess

veranda open porch often with a roof

monopolize to get total control of unassuming humble, down to earth

loot to steal from homes or stores deadpan unanimated, without expression

bland dull in taste or boring

steadfast firm, steady, and unchanging

Unit 3

devour to eat quickly limelight center of attention

hesitate to stop and wait for a moment glower to give a hard angry frown to be overcome with surprise whisk to remove something quickly saunter to stroll in an aimless way

clamber to climb awkwardly using the hands and feet

labyrinth maze, web, or tangle

apprentice one who learns a trade by working for one already skilled

wring to force by twisting with the hands

collide to crash together with force

Unit 4

klutz clumsy awkward person

slothful lazy or slow

indifferent not at all interested

grapple to struggle closely with something

orb anything ball shaped

plod move in a slow heavy way veteran one with a lot of experience incomparable matchless or beyond compare

Unit 5

girth measurement around the middle of something

miniscule extremely small, tiny

catty something nasty or hurtful

flit to flutter quickly from place to place

peerless without an equal

zeal strong, deep enthusiasm mirth happiness and merry fun

eminent well known, highly respected

gape to stare with a wide open mouth in surprise meeting or appointment two people set superlative the very best and of the highest quality

zany funny in a clownish way