**English 9 Vocabulary: November 16**

1. [**commotion**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/adversary): a state of confused and noisy disturbance

*As soon as the teacher left the room, the naughty students created quite a commotion by yelling and throwing things at one another.*

1. [**conspicuous**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/aplomb): easily seen or noticed

*My dog’s attempt to hide under the bed was unsuccessful because her rear end was still conspicuous.*

1. [**diminish**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/apprehensive): to make or become smaller, reduce in size

*The lights of the city diminished on the horizon as our airplane rose higher in the sky.*

1. [**egregious**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/aptitude): extremely bad

*I found that my bank account was suddenly, egregiously overdrawn because I had forgotten about a $1300 bill that was taken out automatically.*

1. [**furtive**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/attentive): secretive

*Julie had a crush on a boy, and she would try to make furtive attempts to follow him around school.*

1. [**grueling**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/banish): exhausting

*The three-a-day workouts that the coaches required were so grueling that many of the boys quit.*

1. [**imperious**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/barricade): overbearing; arrogant

*In an imperious tone, the police officer ordered the driver to step out of the car.*

1. **[kindle](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bluff)**: to set fire to or ignite; excite or inspire

*Anne’s love of reading was kindled by her aunt who read to her daily.*

1. [**meander**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/brackish): to wander aimlessly

*Some students meander through the hallways between classes which frustrates the students who have a purpose and desire to not be late.*

1. [**obscure**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/brandish): difficult to see; vague

*The house across the street was obscured by the thick fog that enveloped the whole town.*