

macabre

(mə kă' brə or mə kăb') *adj.*

Week of October 25

- *Definition:* Gruesome; ghastly
- *Sentence:* The jack-o-lanterns ranged from looking humorous to macabre.



flummox (flŭm' əks) verb

Week of November 1

- *Definition:* To confuse; perplex
- *Sentence:* Those math problems completely flummoxed me, so I went for tutoring after school.



verbose (vər bōs') adj.

Week of November 8

- *Definition:* Using more words than necessary; wordy
- *Sentence:* The senator bored everyone with his long, **verbose** speech.



"You're not allowed to use the sprinkler system to keep your audience awake."

capacious (kə pā'shəs) *adj.*

Week of November 15

- *Definition:* Able to hold a large amount; roomy
- *Sentence:* I plan to go to college so I can get a great job and buy a capacious house.

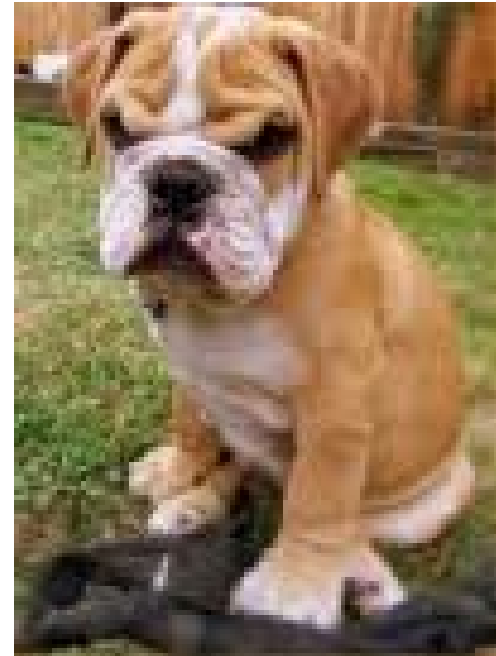


askance

(ə skäns') *adv.*

Week of November 22

- *Definition:* With disapproval, suspicion, or mistrust
- *Sentence:* My dog looked at me askance when I took away his favorite toy.

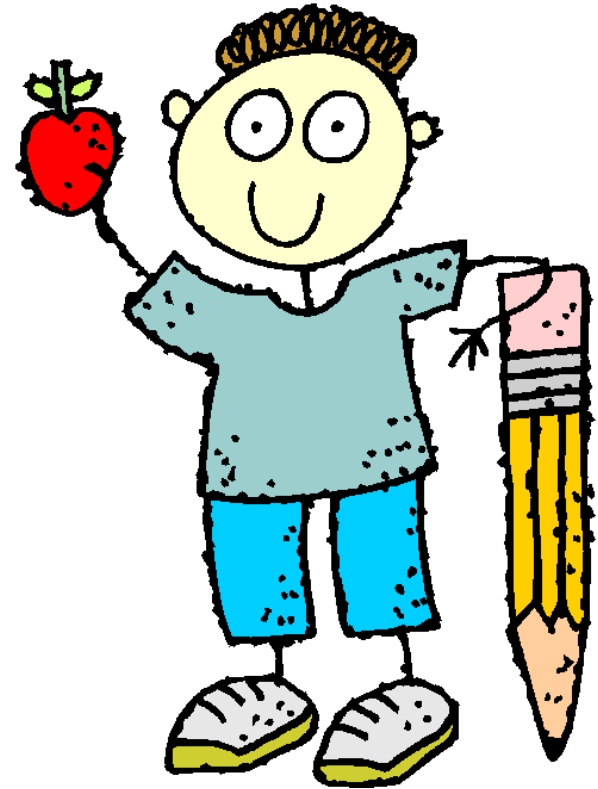


sycophant

(sɪk' ə fənt or sɪk' ə fənt) *noun*

Week of November 29

- *Definition:* Someone who tries to win favor by flattering influential people
- *Sentence:* The **sycophant** tried to butter up his teacher by complimenting her and bringing her little gifts.



concur (kən kûr') verb

Week of December 6

- *Definition:* Agree
- *Sentence:* If you concur, please raise your hand.

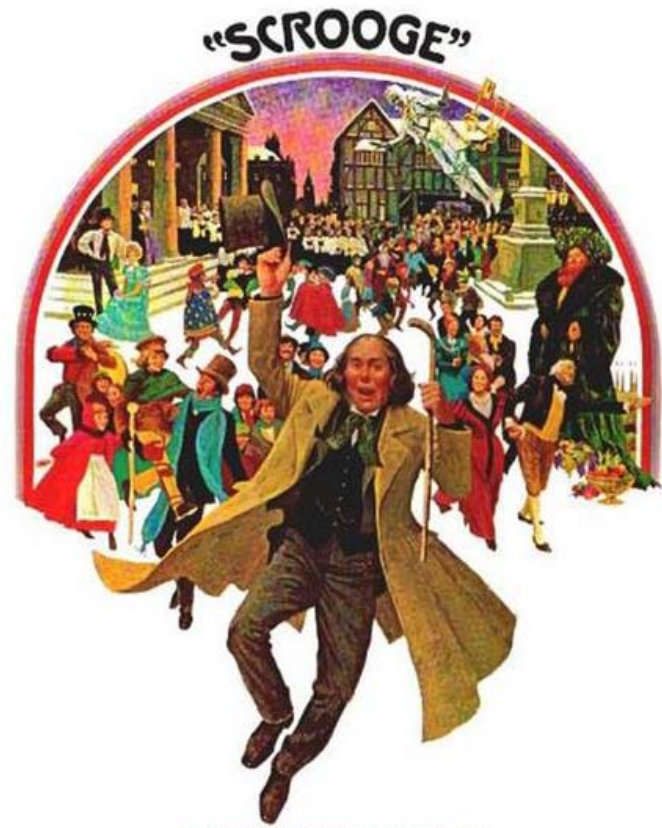


modicum

(mɒd'ɪkəm) *noun*

Week of December 13

- *Definition:* Tiny amount
- *Sentence:* During the holidays, even people with a **modicum** of kindness suddenly become more thoughtful and generous.



raze (rāz) *verb*

Week of January 3, 2011

- *Definition:* Knock down
- *Sentence:* The old building was razed to make room for a new one.



squander (skwɒn' dər) verb

Week of January 10

- *Definition:* To waste
- *Sentence:* Kids often squander their money on candy.

