



## Hoot Vocabulary Boosters

Use these 20 vocabulary words from *Hoot* with your students.

1. survey (sur-vay)  
verb  
To map an area of land. In *Hoot*, survey stakes outline the area set for construction.
2. merciless (mur-si-luss)  
adjective  
Having or showing no awareness of another's suffering. Cruel.
3. flabbergasted (flah-bur-gas-ted)  
adjective  
To be overcome with astonishment and surprise.
4. disgruntled (dis-grun-tulled)  
adjective  
In a state of sulky dissatisfaction.
5. assume (ah-soom)  
verb  
To accept as true without verification.
6. provoke (pruh-voke)  
verb  
To stir to action or feeling.
7. surveillance (sur-vay-lense)  
noun  
Close observation of a person or group, especially one under suspicion.
8. sodden (sod-en)  
adjective  
Thoroughly soaked; saturated.
9. law-abiding (law-a-bide-ing)  
adjective  
If you're **law-abiding**, you **abide**, or follow, the law.
10. quirky (kwer-kee)  
adjective  
Unconventional, not usual

11. accusation (ak-u-za-shun)  
noun  
A charge of wrongdoing.
12. interrogate (in-tehr-oh-gayt)  
verb  
To formally question.
13. burrow (bur-row)  
verb  
To dig holes or tunnels for habitation or refuge. *The burrowing owls dug holes for their nests.*
14. apprehension (ap-ree-hen-shun)  
noun  
1. Fearful or uneasy anticipation of the future; dread.  
2. The act of seizing or capturing; arrest.
15. patronize (pah-tro-nize)  
verb  
To treat in a condescending manner.
16. inquisitive (in-kwiz-ah-tiv)  
adjective  
Eager for knowledge.
17. extravaganza (ex-trah-vah-gan-zah)  
noun  
Any lavishly staged or spectacular entertainment.
18. jurisdiction (jur-is-dik-shun)  
noun  
The territorial range of authority or control.
19. genuine (jen-ew-ine)  
adjective  
Not fake. Sincere.
20. epilogue (ep-i-log)  
noun  
A short addition or concluding section at the end of a literary work, often dealing with the future of its characters.
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