

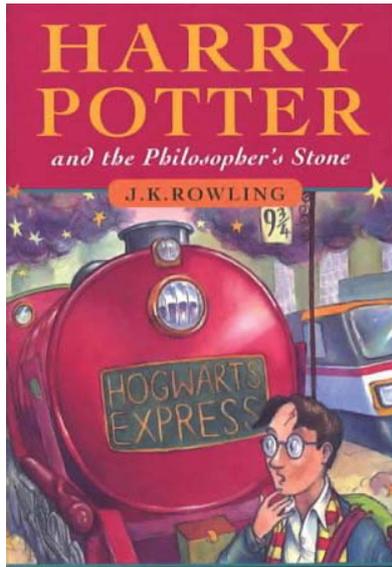
Words from J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter Series

Avocabo Word List 61

ABYSMAL, APOPLECTIC, BASILISK,
BEDRAGGLED, BOISTEROUS,
BRANDISHED, CHORTLE, COWER,
DERISIVE, FURTIVE, INCANTATION,
INFERNAL, JEERING, JOSTLE,
MALEVOLENTLY, MOLLYCODDLING,
MOULTING, SALLOW, SUMPTUOUS,
TRAIPESE, TUMULTUOUS, UNCTUOUS,
VOCIFEROUSLY

Exercise 61-1: Fill In the Blanks Complete each sentence with the most appropriate word from those in the wordlist above. (23 marks)

1. "Come on, back in this _____ cart, and don't talk to me on the way back, it's best if I keep me mouth shut," said Hagrid
2. Madam Pince the librarian _____ a feather duster at him. "You'd better get out, then. Go on - out!"
3. People _____ them as they moved forward to the way back to the Muggle world.
4. He sat down in the only remaining chair but leapt up again almost immediately, pulling from underneath him a _____, grey feather duster - at least, that was what Harry thought it was, until he saw that it was breathing.
5. On their last evening, Mrs Weasley conjured up a(n) _____ dinner which included all of Harry's favourite things, ending with a mouthwatering treacle pudding.
6. "Errol!" said Ron, pulling the _____ owl out by the feet. Errol slumped, unconscious, onto the table, his legs in the air and a damp red envelope in his beak.



7. They _____ back to the castle for a quick wash and then the Gryffindors hurried off to Transfiguration.
8. "Let me just say that handing out signed pictures at this stage of your career isn't sensible - looks a tad bigheaded, Harry, to be frank. There may well come a time when, like me, you'll need to keep a stack handy wherever you go, but -" he gave a little _____, "I don't think you're quite there yet."
9. Over his shoulder, Harry could see the Slytherin team _____ and pointing in his direction.
10. They only stopped when Percy, _____ with rage, told them he was going to write to Mrs Weasley and tell her Ginny was having nightmares.
11. The teams walked onto the pitch to _____ applause.
12. The monster in the Chamber's a(n) _____ - a giant serpent! That's why I've been hearing that voice all over the place, and nobody else has heard it. It's because I understand Parseltongue...
13. "He's a(n) _____ little boy, but he wouldn't hurt a fly!" said Aunt Petunia tearfully.
14. Viktor Krum was thin, dark and _____ - skinned, with a large curved nose and thick black eyebrows.
15. A huddle of teenagers in pyjamas was arguing _____ a little way along the path.
16. "Over there," said Hermione shakily, pointing at the place where they had heard the voice, "there was someone behind the trees... they shouted words - a(n) _____ -"
17. Malfoy howled with _____ laughter; Crabbe and Goyle guffawed stupidly.
18. Harry and Ron grinned at Hagrid, who gave them a(n) _____ smile from behind his bushy beard.

19. Malfoy, whose pale eyes were still watering with pain and humiliation, looked _____ up at Moody and muttered something in which the words ‘my father’ were distinguishable.

20. He had dropped his _____ tone and his smile now. His face wore a very ugly look indeed.

21. He had been touched by what she had said about his being as good as a son, but he was also impatient with her _____.

22. Someone was _____ against the dark wall, her wand in her hand, her whole body shaking with sobs.

23. The general standard of this homework was _____. Most of you would have failed had this been your examination.

Exercise 61-2: Synonyms *From the three choices provided, circle the one that is closest in meaning to the bold list word in the context displayed. (10 marks)*

1. an **infernal** nuisance
a. hot and dry b. hellish c. conciliatory

2. **brandishing** a sword
a. waving b. polishing c. sharpening

3. **jostled** by the crowd
a. inspired b. shoved c. yelled at

4. **sumptuous** dinner
a. plain b. luxurious c. lengthy

5. a **boisterous** man
a. unruly b. restrained c. taciturn

6. they met to craft their **furtive** plans
a. open b. exposed c. secret

7. **tumultuous** applause
a. riotous b. soft c. orderly

8. a **malevolent** glare
a. benevolent b. malicious c. secret

9. **covered** at the sound of a train
a. cringed b. winced c. responded

10. the **bedraggled** dog
a. neat b. tired c. messy

Exercise 61-3: Antonyms

Match the word with its corresponding antonym. (10 marks)

Word	Antonym
___ sumptuous	1. pleasant
___ vociferously	2. complimentary
___ derisive	3. cheer
___ mollycoddle	4. overt
___ sallow	5. simple
___ abysmal	6. ruddy
___ jeering	7. neglect
___ furtive	8. quietly

Exercise 61-4: Etymologies *Provide the list word described (10 marks)*

_____ 1. Origin 1871: coined by Lewis Carroll in *Through the Looking Glass*, likely a blend of Chuckle and Snort.

_____ 2. Origin Old English *sahl*, of Germanic origin; related to Old Norse *selja*, and Lating *salix*.

_____ 3. Origin late Middle English: via Old French from late Latin incantation from *incantare* ‘chant, bewitch’.

_____ 4. Origin late Middle English (in the sense [greasy]): from medieval Latin *unctuosus*, from Latin *unctus* ‘anointing,’ from *ungere* ‘anoint.’

_____ 5. Origin Middle English from Old French *basilisc*, from Latin *basiliscus*, from Greek *basiliskos*, diminutive of *basileus*, king.

_____ 6. Origin early 17th cent.: from French *apoplectique* or late Latin *apoplecticus*, from Greek *apoplektikos*, from *apoplēssein* ‘disable by a stroke’.

_____ 7. Origin mid-14c., *mouten*, of feathers, “to be shed”, from Old English, *mutian*, “to exchange”, from Latin, *mutare*, “to change”.

_____ 8. Origin 1593, of uncertain origin, perhaps from French, *trepasser* “pass over or beyond”.

_____ 9. Origin early 16th cent: from Latin *malevolent*- ‘wishing evil,’

_____ 10. Origin early 17th cent: from French *furtif*, or Latin *furtivus*, from *furtum* ‘theft.’

Exercise 61-5: Creative Writing

For those who have read the Harry Potter series, write a chapter that gives insight into the characters today, beyond the final novel.

For those who have not read the series, write a short adventure story involving a world of magic...

Exercise 61-6: Potter about, putting the series in order

Enter the numbers 1-7 in the order that the Harry Potter books were published

- ___ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
- ___ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- ___ Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
- ___ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
- ___ Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone
- ___ Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- ___ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Exercise 61-7: Rowling Coinages: In creating this Avocabo unit, we used words that have utility outside of the world of Harry Potter. Words that Muggles might find in their online or paper dictionaries.

Can you think of ten words coined by Rowling in the Harry Potter series?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Harry Potter Fun Facts

As of 2008, Harry Potter books have sold over 400 million copies and have been translated into 67 languages. Rowling is the first person to become a billionaire (U.S. dollars) by writing books. The actress who played Moaning Myrtle is actually 37 years old and is the oldest actress to portray a Hogwarts student. Owls are the primary means of communication between wizards in Harry’s world. However, in many parts of the world, owls are considered bad luck and harbingers of death. In Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone, dragon blood is revealed to be an effective oven cleaner. As every Potter fan knows, Dementors are deadly, magical, wraith-like creatures. Rowling revealed that they represent depression and that they were based on her own experience with the disease. The remedy to lighten the effects of a Dementor is chocolate. The phoenix, a mythical sacred bird who ignites into flames when it reaches 500 or

1,000 years old only to emerge from the flames as a new and young phoenix. Rubeus Hagrid, one of Harry’s closest friends, is part wizard and part giant. Rubeus is Latin for something produced from a bramble or a thicket, which fits Rowling’s description of him as “wild.” Hagrid most likely comes from the term “haggard” which also means “wild” or “unruly.” Golgomath (one of the largest giants in the Potter universe) may be a play on the word “googol,” a math term for a one with a hundred zeros after it—in other words, one of the largest numbers known. Voldemort’s wand is made of yew. Yew is seen by some as having immense supernatural power and being a symbol of death and rebirth, the same immortality that Voldemort seeks. Historically, nearly all wizards have used a magical wand of some sort that channels a wizard’s power and acts a symbol of authority (such as a shepherd’s staff). The Hogwarts school motto is *Draco dormiens nunquam titillandus* which is Latin for “Never Tickle a Sleeping Dragon.” In the novels, the school is located somewhere in Scotland and has various charms to make it appear as an old ruin to muggle eyes. Hogwarts was founded 1,000 years ago by Godric Gryffindor (fire/lion), Salazar Slytherin (water/serpent), Helga Hufflepuff (earth/badger), and Rowena Ravenclaw (air/raven). Its crest includes each of the animal representations of the four founders.

Fun facts courtesy of RandomHistory.com, http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/05/24_harry-potter.html

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