

**“The Boat” Vocabulary**

Abrupt- Happening without warning: sudden.
Adjacent- Next to or near something.
Adrift- Floating on the water without being tied to anything or controlled by anyone.
Annotate- To add notes or comments to (a text, book, drawing, etc.)
Archaic- Old and no longer useful.
Articulate- Able to express ideas clearly and effectively in speech or writing.
Assiduous- Showing great care, attention, and effort.
Baffling- Extremely confusing or difficult to understand.
Bait- Something (such as a piece of food) that is used to attract fish or animals so they can be caught.
Batter- To beat with repeated violent blows.
Barometer- An instrument that measures air pressure and is used to forecast changes in the weather.
Boil- A red painful lump in the skin that contains pus and is caused by infection.
Boulder- A very large stone or rounded piece of rock.
Bow- The forward part of a ship.
Brocade- A cloth with a raised design woven into it.
Brood- The young of birds hatched at the same time.
Buffer- Something that serves as a protective barrier.
Buoy- An object that floats on water in a lake, bay, river, etc., to show areas that are safe or dangerous for boats.
Burden- Something that is hard to endure.
Bureau- A low chest of drawers for use in a bedroom.
Capsize- (Of a boat) overturn in the water.
Cater- To supply what is needed or wanted.
Celt- A member of a group of people (such as the Irish or Welsh) who lived in ancient Britain and parts of western Europe.
Chafe- To cause soreness or damage by rubbing against something (such as your skin).

Chap- A crack in or a sore roughening of the skin caused by exposure to wind or cold.
Chantey- A song sung by sailors in rhythm with their work.
Chaos- Complete confusion and disorder.
Clammy- Unpleasantly wet and cold.
Clamour- A loud continuous noise.
Clever- Intelligent and able to learn things quickly.
Clutter- A large amount of things that are not arranged in a neat or orderly way.
Colossal- Very large or great.
Compass- A device that is used to find direction by means of a needle that always points north.
Complexion- The colour or appearance of the skin and especially of the face.
Conventional- Common and ordinary.
Debase- To make (someone or something) less respected.
Deft- Able to do something quickly and accurately.
Despise- To dislike (something or someone) very much.
Dimension- The length, width, height, or depth of something.
Disarray- A confused or messy condition.
Discard- Get rid of (someone or something) as no longer useful or desirable.
Discontent- Not pleased or satisfied.
Disfigure- To spoil or damage the appearance of (something or someone).
Doze- To sleep lightly.
Drench- To make completely wet.
Effeminate- Having or showing qualities that are considered more suited to women than to men.
Emblazon- To write or draw (a name, picture, etc.) on a surface so that it can be seen very clearly.
Entrails- The internal organs of an animal.
Errand- A short journey undertaken in order to deliver or collect something, especially on someone else's behalf.

Excursion- A short trip especially for pleasure.
Expedition- A journey especially by a group of people for a specific purpose.
Former- First in order of two or more things cited or understood.
Gaelic- Of or relating to the Celtic people of Scotland and Ireland.
Gale- A very strong wind.
Galumph- To move in a loud and clumsy way.
Gigantic- Extremely large.
Gulf- A large area of ocean that is partly surrounded by land.
Gunwale- The upper edge of a ship's or boat's side.
Harpoon- A barbed spear or javelin used especially in hunting large fish or whales.
Hoist- To raise (something) especially by using ropes or machinery.
Illuminate- To supply or brighten with light.
Immaculate- Perfectly clean.
Impose- To force someone to accept or put up with.
Impulsive- Doing things or tending to do things suddenly and without careful thought.
Incongruous- Strange because of not agreeing with what is usual or expected.
Ineffectual- Not producing the proper or intended effect.
Jumble- To cause (things) to be mixed together in a way that is not neat or orderly.
Kindling- Dry twigs, pieces of paper, etc., that burn easily and are used to start a fire.
Lament- A sad song or poem.
Languid- Showing or having very little strength, energy, or activity.
Latter- Relating to or being the last thing or person mentioned.
Lemming- A small animal that lives in northern areas of North America, Europe, and Asia.
Literal- Involving the ordinary or usual meaning of a word.
Lunge- To move or reach forward in a sudden, forceful way.

Melancholy- a sad mood or feeling.
Miraculous- Very wonderful or amazing like a miracle.
Mound- A heap or pile of something.
Neglect- To fail to take care of or to give attention to (someone or something).
Oblong- Different from a square, circle, or sphere by being longer in one direction than the other.
Permeate- To pass or spread through (something).
Pier- A structure built out into the water as a place for boats to dock or for people to walk or to protect or form a harbor.
Practical- Capable of being put to use: reasonable to do or use.
Precocious- Having or showing the qualities or abilities of an adult at an unusually early age.
Prim- Very neat in appearance.
Prosaic- Dull or ordinary.
Provocation- An action or occurrence that causes someone to become angry or to begin to do something.
Puritan- A member of a Protestant group in England and New England in the 16th and 17th centuries that opposed many customs of the Church of England.
Recollection- Something from the past that is remembered.
Resent- To feel annoyance or anger at.
Resolute- Having or showing a lot of determination.
Restless- Continuously moving.
Ruddy- Having a healthy reddish colour.
Savage- Very cruel or violent.
Scarlet- A bright red colour.
Serge- A strong cloth that is used to make clothes.
Shanty- A small crudely built dwelling or shelter usually of wood.
Shrewd- Having or showing an ability to understand things and to make good judgments.
Slicker- A long, loose raincoat.
Spellbound- Having the interest or attention held by or as if by magic power.

Squall- A sudden strong gust of wind often with rain or snow.
Steadfast- Firmly fixed in place: immovable.
Stencil- A piece of material (as a sheet of paper or plastic) that has lettering or a design cut out and is used as a guide (as in painting or drawing).
Stern- The back part of a boat or ship.
Stubble- Short hairs growing from the face of a man who has not shaved very recently.
Subscription- An agreement to buy a publication or service for a stated period.
Sullen- Gloomy.
Theological- Relating to the study of religion and religious belief.
Thwart- A structural crosspiece sometimes forming a seat for a rower in a boat.
Tiller- A lever used to turn the rudder of a boat from side to side.
Trawl- A large net that a boat pulls along the bottom of the ocean to catch fish.
Trochoid- The curve generated by a point on the radius of a circle or the radius extended as the circle rolls on a fixed straight line.
Trousers- Pants.
Turmoil- A state of confusion or disorder.
Unceremonious- Happening or done very suddenly and quickly with no effort to be careful or polite.
Varnish- A liquid that is spread on a surface and that dries to form a hard, shiny coating.
Wedge- To force (someone or something) into a very small or narrow space.
Wharf- A flat structure that is built along the shore of a river, ocean, etc., so that ships can load and unload cargo or passengers.
Wistful- Feeling or showing a quiet longing especially for something in the past.
Wreath- Something twisted or woven into a circular shape.