

A Guide for Using

Hoot

in the Classroom

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Quiz Time

Answer the following questions about Chapters 1–5.

1. For what reasons is Roy so interested in the strange boy outside the bus window?

2. Why doesn't Roy have a hometown? _____

3. Why does Miss Hennepin suspend Roy from the bus? _____

4. How does Mr. Eberhardt react when he finds out about Roy's fight with Dana?

5. For what reason does Officer Delinko think that someone put alligators in the toilets?

6. Why does Officer Delinko want to solve the mystery of the vandalism at the construction site?

7. Why is Beatrice surprised when Roy talks to her in the cafeteria? _____

8. What does Roy find in the thicket near the golf course? _____

Papier-Mâché Owl

While patrolling the construction site, Officer Delinko sees a pair of burrowing owls. He sees that they are only eight or nine inches tall, with spotted wings and amber eyes. You can make a life-sized papier-mâché burrowing owl using just a few simple items.

Materials

- small balloons
- eight-or nine-inch long strips of newspaper
- tempera paint—brown, white, and black
- flour
- water



Directions

1. First, research burrowing owls on the Internet or in a book or encyclopedia. Note their colors and markings. Make a simple sketch of a burrowing owl on a piece of paper to guide you in creating your papier-mâché owl.
2. Now, tear newspaper into strips, about 1" by 8" (about 2.5 cm x 20 cm). Then, make a paste using 1/2 cup (125 ml) flour and 1/2 cup (125 ml) water. The paste should look thick and creamy. Add more flour or water as needed.
3. Blow up your balloon and tie it closed. Dip each strip of newspaper into the paste so that it is covered, and then stick it to your balloon. Continue this until your balloon is covered with strips of newspaper.
4. Let your balloon dry overnight. If you'd like a sturdier sculpture, add one more layer of newspaper strips dipped in paste the next day. It is important to let it dry completely.
5. Now, paint your papier-mâché balloon to look like a burrowing owl. Remember that the knot of the balloon is above your owl's head. When the paint is dry, tie a string around the knot of your balloon and hang it from the ceiling.

