

Chapter 7

"Jem waved my words away as if fanning **gnats**."
"...they invented toilet paper and perpetual **embalming**."
" 'Who do we know around here who **whittles**? ' "
" '...chewing gum cleaved to her palate and **rendered** her speechless...' "
"Next day Jem repeated his **vigil** and was rewarded."

Chapter 8

"For reasons **unfathomable** to the most experienced prophets in Maycomb county, autumn turned to winter that year."
"Jem and I were burdened with the guilt of contributing to the **aberrations** of nature..."
"Jem **procured** some peachtree switches from the back yard, plaited them..." "
" 'You've perpetrated a near **libel** here in the front yard.' "
"Miss Maudie's tin roof **quelled** the flames."

Chapter 9

"He wore a General Hood type beard of which he was **inordinately** vain."
"A flip of the coin revealed the uncompromising **lineaments** of Aunt Alexandra and Francis."
"...he enjoyed everything I disapproved of, and disliked my **ingenuous** diversions."
" 'not unless there's extreme **provocation** connected with 'em.' "

Chapter 10

"With these attributes, however, he would not remain as **inconspicuous** as we wished him to..."
"Uncle Jack instructed us in the **rudiments** thereof..."
" 'But I must say Providence was kind enough to burn down that old **mausoleum** of mine...' "
" 'You're in considerable **peril**.' "
"He walked **erratically**, as if his right legs were shorter than his left legs."

Chapter 11

"...tormenting Boo Radley became **passé**..."
"...her reaction was **apoplectic**."
"Jem...had **decreed** that we must run as far as the post office corner each evening to meet Atticus coming home from work."
"...what made him break the bounds of 'You just be a gentleman, son,' and the phrase of self-conscious **rectitude** he had recently entered."
"...he had a naturally tranquil **disposition**..."

Chapter 12

"He was difficult to live with, **inconsistent**, moody."
"...he was **diligently** writing on a slate while some frivolous-looking girls yelled, 'Yoo-hoo!' at him' "
"She spoke quietly, **contemptuously**."
"...but the roses on her hat trembled **indignantly**."
"It was dim inside, with a damp coolness slowly **dispelled** by the gathering congregation."

Chapter 13

"I realized that this was not a **tactful** question."
"...she would exercise her royal **prerogative**..."
"...Winston Swamp, a place totally **devoid** of interest."
"There was indeed a **caste** system in Maycomb..."
"He sat on the side of Jem's bed, looked at us **soberly**, then he grinned."

Chapter 14

"...her needle broke the **taut** circle."
" 'Scout, try not to **antagonize** Aunty, hear.' "
"Still in wrist **manacles**, he wandered two miles out of Meridian..."
"...his **infallible** sense of direction told him he was in Abbott County..."

To Kill a Mockingbird Vocabulary

Know the meaning of each bold printed vocabulary word. Also know its part of speech in the context of the sentence as found in the novel. Be able to write a sentence that incorporates the vocabulary word. The sentence must reflect to me that you know the meaning of the word.

Acceptable: Jerry's asinine behaviour frightened me.
Not Acceptable: Jerry is asinine.

Chapter 1

"When it was healed, Jem's fears of never being able to play football were assuaged..."
"All we had was Simon Finch, a fur-trapping apothecary from Cornwall whose piety was exceeded only by his stinginess."
"... she married a tacturn man."
"Rain rotted shingles drooped over the eaves of the veranda..."
"... arising from the alleged wrongful detention of a mare, were imprudent enough to do it in the presence of three witnesses..."

Chapter 2

"Jem condescended me to take me to school the first day..."
"The class murmured apprehensively, should she prove to harbor her share of the peculiarities indigenous to that region."
"When I asked what entailment was, and Jem described it as a condition of having you tail in a crack..."
"My sojourn in the corner was a short one."

Chapter 3

"His fists were half cocked, as if expecting an onslaught from us."
"He examined Walter with an air of speculation."
"Jem's free dispensation of my pledge irked me."
"She was furious, and when she was furious Calpurnia's grammar became erratic."
"Atticus kept us in fits that evening, gravely reading columns of print about a man..."

Chapter 4

"The remainder of my schooldays were no more auspicious than the first."
"... it was a thousand colors in a parched landscape; but most of all, summer was Dill."
"Mrs. Dubose lived two doors up the street from us; neighborhood opinion was unanimous that Mrs. Dubose was the meanest old woman who ever lived."
"Jem arbitrated, awarded me first push with an extra time for Dill, and I folded myself inside the tire."
"Jem's evasion told me our game was a secret, so I kept quiet."

Chapter 5

"Our tacit treaty with Miss Maudie was that we could play on her lawn..."
"Miss Maudie's benevolence extended to Jem and Dill..."
"Jem said placidly, 'We are going to give a note to Boo Radley.'"
"... we were not to play an asinine game he had seen us playing..."
"No," said Atticus, 'putting his life's history on display for the edification of the neighborhood' "

Chapter 6

"At first we saw nothing but a kudzu-covered front porch..."
"... the ensuing contest to determine relative distances and respective prowess only made me feel left out again..."
"Atticus saved Dill from immediate dismemberment."
"... the chinaberry trees were mahogany, hovering, alive."
"In the waning moonlight I saw Jem swing his feet to the floor."