

To Kill a Mockingbird

Vocabulary Part I

1. assuage	To lessen or to calm
2. impotent	Powerless
3. dictum	A formal statement of principle
4. taciturn	Almost always silent
5. ambled	To walk at a slow, leisurely pace
6. impudent	To be shamelessly bold
7. malevolent	Evil
8. repertoire was vapid	A repertoire is all the special skills a person has; vapid, in this case, means boring or uninteresting
9. veranda	A portico or porch with a roof
10. predilection	A preference, or a preferred way of doing something
11. domiciled	Where you live
12. condescended	To agree to do something that you believe to be beneath your dignity
13. covey	A group
14. indigenous	Belonging to a particular religion or country
15. vexation	Something that causes annoyance or problems
16. wallowing illicitly	To wallow is to indulge in something (usually an activity) with great enjoyment. Illicit, used like this, means unauthorized or improper
17. contentious	Always ready to argue or fight
18. discernible	Understandable
19. eddy	A current of water that moves against the main current; a whirlpool
20. erratic	Irregular
21. fractious	Mean or cross

22. gravely	Seriously
23. haunt	A ghost or spook; someone or something very scary
24. irked	To be annoyed
25. onslaught	A violent attack
26. persevere	To carry on in spite of difficulties
27. tranquility	Peacefulness; serenity
28. auspicious	Favorable
29. melancholy	Sad and gloomy
30. quelling (of) nausea	To quell something is to quiet or pacify it. Nausea is the feeling you get when your stomach is upset and you feel as if you're about to vomit
31. scuppernongs	A sweet table grape, grown chiefly in the Southern United States
32. asinine	Stupid; silly
33. benevolence	In this case, a generous or thoughtful gift
34. benign	Kind and gentle
35. chameleon	Tree-dwelling lizards that have the unusual ability to change the color of their skin in order to blend into their surroundings
36. cordiality	Sincere affection and kindness
37. inquisitive	Questioning; prying
38. placidly	Calmly; quietly
39. quibbling	A type of arguing where you avoid the main point by bringing up petty details
40. tacit	An agreement, or, in this case, a "treaty" that is tacit is one that has been silently agreed upon.
41. dismemberment	Tearing or cutting a person's limbs (arms and legs) off
42. eerily	Weirdly; mysteriously
43. ensuing	Coming immediately after something else

44. malignant	Dangerous; evil
45. ramshackle	Loose; or rickety; about to fall apart
46. waning	Becoming less bright, intense, or strong
47. palate	The roof of one's mouth
48. vigil	Keeping watch
49. cordial	Warm and friendly
50. perpetrated	Carried out; committed
51. procured	Obtained
52. switches	Slender twigs or branches
53. touchous	Touchy; sensitive
54. unfathomable	Something that cannot be understood
55. analogous	Similar; comparable
56. attire	Clothing
57. bawled	Cried out noisily
58. changelings	A child secretly put in the place of another
59. compensation	Payment for something or making up for something
60. deportment	Behavior
61. evasion	The act of avoiding having to do or to answer something directly
62. fanatical	Extremely enthusiastic, interested, zealous; going beyond what is reasonable
63. harbored	To hold in the mind
64. impaired	Damaged; weakened
65. indecision	The inability to decide what to do
66. indicative	Showing or displaying something
67. ingenuous	Simple; innocent
68. innate	A natural part of something else

69. invective	Abusive terms, curses, insults, and/or cuss works
70. isolate	Set apart from others
71. mortify	Humiliate; embarrass
72. obstreperous	Noisy and unruly
73. provocative	Exciting some sort of feeling; often anger or irritation
74. tarried	Delayed; waiting
75. tentatively	Hesitant or unsure
76. wary	To be cautious or on your guard against something