

## to kill a mockingbird

# VOCABULARY 3

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### 1. **acquiesce**

*verb*

to accept, comply, or submit tacitly or passively – often used with in and sometimes with to

### 2. **acrimonious**

*adjective*

Caustic, biting, or rancorous especially in feeling, language, or manner

### 3. **affirm**

*verb*

1 a: VALIDATE, CONFIRM

b : to state positively

2: to assert (as a judgment or decree) as valid or confirmed

3: to express dedication to

### 4. **aggregation**

*noun*

1: a group, body, or mass composed of many distinct parts or individuals

2 a: the collecting of units or parts into a mass or whole

b: the condition of being so collected

### 5. **akimbo**

*adjective or adverb*

1: having the hand on the hip and the elbow turned outward

2: set in a bent position

### 6. **amanuensis-** *noun*

One employed to write from dictation or to copy manuscript

### 7. **austere**

*adjective*

1 a: stern and cold in appearance or manner

b: SOMBER, GRAVE

2: morally strict: ASCETIC

3: markedly simple or unadorned

4: giving little or no scope for pleasure

5 of a wine: having the flavor of acid or tannin predominant over fruit flavors usually indicating a capacity for aging

### 8. **brash**

*adjective*

1: BRITTLE

2 a: heedless of the consequences: AUDACIOUS

b: done in haste without regard for consequences: RASH

3 a: full of fresh raw vitality

b: uninhibitedly energetic or demonstrative: BUMPTIOUS

4 a: lacking restraint and discernment: TACTLESS

b: aggressively self-assertive: IMPUDENT

5: piercingly sharp: HARSH

**9. complacent**

*adjective*

- 1: SELF-SATISFIED
- 2: COMPLAISANT
- 3: UNCONCERNED

**10. congenital**

*adjective*

- 1. a: existing at or dating from birth
  - b : constituting an essential characteristic : INHERENT
  - c : acquired during development in the uterus and not through heredity
- 2: being such by nature

**11. corroborate-**

*verb*

to support with evidence or authority: make more certain

**12. deign**

*verb*

to condescend reluctantly and with a strong sense of the affront to one's superiority that is involved

**13. dogged**

*verb*

- 1 a: to hunt or track like a hound
  - b: to worry as if by pursuit with dogs: PLAGUE
- 2: to fasten with a dog

**14. elucidate**

*verb*

to make lucid especially by explanation or analysis

**15. feral**

*adjective*

- 1: of, relating to, or suggestive of a wild beast
- 2 a: not domesticated or cultivated: WILD
  - b: having escaped from domestication and become wild.

**16. fey**

*adjective*

- 1 a chiefly Scottish: fated to die: DOOMED
  - b: marked by a foreboding of death or calamity
- 2 a: able to see into the future: VISIONARY
  - b: marked by an otherworldly air or attitude
  - c: CRAZY, TOUCHED
- 3 a: PRECIOUS
  - b: UNCONVENTIONAL, CAMPY

**17. formidable**

*adjective*

- 1: causing fear, dread, or apprehension
- 2: having qualities that discourage approach or attack
- 3: tending to inspire awe or wonder

**18. fortitude**

*noun*

- 1: strength of mind that enables a person to encounter danger or bear pain or adversity with courage
- 2 : STRENGTH

19. **furtive**

*adjective*

- 1 a: done by stealth: SURREPTITIOUS
- b: expressive of stealth: SLY
- 2: obtained underhandedly: STOLEN

20. **gala**

*noun*

a festive celebration; especially: a public entertainment marking a special occasion

21. **genial**

*adjective*

- 1 : have or relating to marriage or generation
- 2 : INBORN, NATIVE
- 3 a: favorable to growth or comfort: MILD
- b: marked by or diffusing sympathy or friendliness
- 4: displaying or marked by genius

22. **impassive**

*adjective*

- 1 a : unsusceptible to pain
- b : unsusceptible to physical feeling : INSENSIBLE
- c : unsusceptible to or destitute of emotion : APATHETIC
- 2: giving no sign of feeling or emotion: EXPRESSIONLESS

23. **infallible**

*adjective*

- 1: incapable of error: UNERRING
- 2: not liable to mislead, deceive, or disappoint: CERTAIN
- 3: incapable of error in defining doctrines touching faith or morals

24. **mollify**

*verb*

- 1: to soothe in temper or disposition: APPEASE
- 2: to reduce the rigidity of: SOFTEN
- 3: to reduce in intensity: ASSUAGE, TEMPER

25. **myopia**

*noun*

- 1: a condition in which the visual images come to a focus in front of the retina of the eye resulting especially in defective vision of distant objects
- 2: a lack of foresight or discernment: a narrow view of something

26. **ruddy**

*adjective*

- 1: having a healthy reddish color
- 2: RED, REDDISH

27. **stealthy**

*adjective*

- 1: slow, deliberate, and secret in action or character
- 2: intended to escape observation: FURTIVE

28. **succinct**

*adjective*

- 1 a: being girded
- b: close-fitting
- 2: marked by compact precise expression without wasted words

29. **sullen**

*adjective*

- 1 a: gloomily or resentfully silent or repressed  
b: suggesting a sullen state: LOWERING
- 2: dull or somber in sound or color
- 3: DISMAL, GLOOMY
- 4: moving sluggishly

30. **temerity**

*noun*

- 1: unreasonable or foolhardy contempt of danger or opposition: RASHNESS, RECKLESSNESS
- 2: an act or instance of temerity

31. **tenet**

*noun*

a principle, belief, or doctrine generally held to be true; especially : one held in common by members of an organization, movement, or profession

32. **truant**

*noun*

- 1: one who shirks duty; especially: one who stays out of school without permission

33. **unmitigated**

*adjective*

- 1: not lessened: UNRELIEVED
- 2: being so definitely what is stated as to offer little chance of change or relief

34. **venerable**

*adjective*

- 1: deserving to be venerated – used as a title for an Anglican archdeacon or for a Roman Catholic who has been accorded the lowest of three degrees of recognition for sanctity
- 2: made sacred especially by religious or historical association
- 3 a: calling forth respect through age, character, and attainments; broadly: conveying an impression of aged goodness and benevolence  
b: impressive by reason of age