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To Kill a Mockingbird Vocabulary

Chapters 1–3

1. How does the word **peculiarities** help you understand Boo Radley?

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- a. It shows Boo Radley's behavior makes others avoid him completely.
- b. It shows Boo Radley's behavior



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- a. The speaker thinks the phantom is evil.
 - b. The speaker thinks the phantom is kind.
 - c. The speaker thinks the phantom is peculiar.
 - d. The speaker thinks the phantom is unclear.
3. Which scenario best shows the meaning of the word **assuaged**?
- a. A teacher felt bad for giving a difficult test, so she offered extra credit to make herself feel better.
 - b. A teacher was angry no one studied for a test, so she wrote letters to students' parents.
 - c. A teacher was absent for a day and had to reschedule a test.
 - d. A teacher refused to give several students extra time to finish a difficult test.

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5. What is the meaning of **judiciously** in this sentence?

"In certain circumstances the common folk judiciously allowed [the Ewells] certain privileges..."



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- b. The script was complex and left audiences discussing it for months.
- c. The script tackled difficult themes that upset many people.
- d. The script was unchallenging and dull, leaving the actress bored.

7. What does the word **piety** help you understand about Simon Finch?

"All we had was Simon Finch, a fur-trapping apothecary from Cornwall whose piety was exceeded only by his stinginess."

- a. It shows Simon didn't care what his community thought of him.
- b. It suggests Simon wasn't sure if he believed in God.
- c. It emphasizes that Simon was extremely religious and based much of what he did on that.
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- a. Jem kindly invites a much poorer child to dinner with the Finches.
 - b. Atticus is mostly quiet and rarely discusses his deceased wife.
 - c. Burris Ewell scoffs and talks back to the teacher.
 - d. Scout complains about what she thinks is unfair treatment at school.
9. Which word is an antonym for the word **contentious**?
- a. agreeable
 - b. unintelligent
 - c. combative
 - d. illicit



- a. A child feels guilty for shattering a vase and begs for forgiveness.
 - b. A rich train passenger throws a fit for having to sit near a poorer passenger.
 - c. A shy woman stays home because social interactions scare her.
 - d. Someone throws a huge party to celebrate their friend's birthday.
12. Which word is a synonym for the word **seldom**?
- a. often
 - b. hesitantly
 - c. rarely
 - d. excitedly
13. Which word is a synonym for the word **eccentric** as it is used in the sentence?

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