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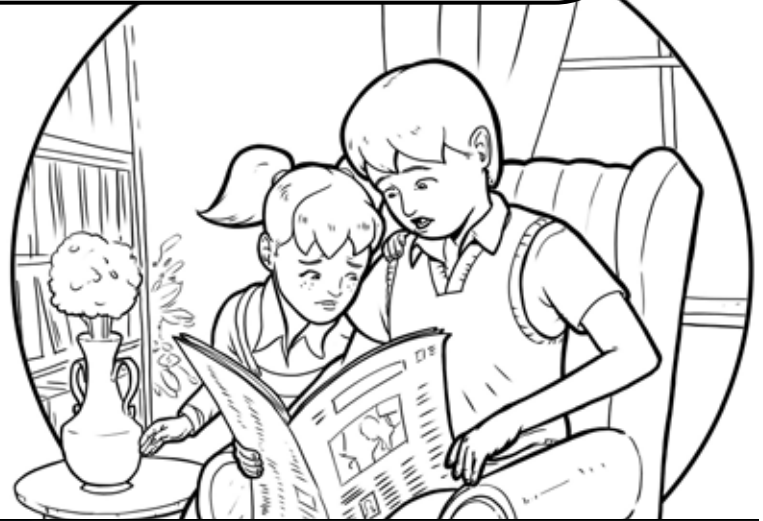
To Kill a Mockingbird Vocabulary

Chapters 12–14

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"When Calpurnia stayed overnight with us she slept on a folding cot in the kitchen; that morning it was covered with our Sunday habiliments."

- a. bedding b. outfits
c. footwear d. schoolwork

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- a. joy
- b. anxiety
- c. sorrow
- d. hatred

6. What does the word **appalling** help you understand about Jem?



7. Which word is an antonym for the bold word in the sentence?

*Makai **boldly** announced his plans to run for student government.*

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8. Which statement best explains the meaning of **elusive** in this context?

"Atticus paused, watching me locate an elusive redbug on my leg."

- a. Atticus doesn't understand what Scout is doing.
- b. Redbugs are difficult insects to describe.
- c. No one can identify what is crawling on Scout.
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Use with the book:
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

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- a. to explain the specific kind of clothing Scout is imagining
- b. to describe how stiff and itchy women's clothing back then was
- c. to provide comic relief by exaggerating how ugly her dresses are
- d. to show how restrictive Scout finds her gendered expectations



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11. What does the word **ecclesiastical** suggest in this context?

"There was no sign of piano, organ, hymn-books, church programs—the familiar ecclesiastical impedimenta we saw every Sunday."

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- b. The items listed are expensive and well cared for.
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