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To Kill a Mockingbird Vocabulary

Chapters 15–17

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- a. careless b. disrespectful



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- a. to explain or clarify
b. to angrily repeat
c. to make confusing on purpose
d. to quickly finish a task

3. What does the use of the word **ominous** suggest?

"There was a murmur among the group of men, made more ominous when Atticus moved back to the bottom front step and the men drew nearer to him."

- a. It is very dark and difficult for the children to see outside.
b. The men give Scout a bad feeling, as if they mean harm.
c. The men are unfamiliar to Scout, which makes her more interested.
d. The conversation is getting rowdier, which is worrying Atticus.

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5. How does the use of the word **ambidextrous** in this exchange help you understand Bob Ewell?

"Mr. Gilmore asked him one more question. 'About your writing with your left hand, are you ambidextrous, Mr. Ewell?'"

"I most positively am not. I can use one hand good as the other. One hand good



d. It shows his lack of education and that he would rather get angry over a presumed insult than ask the meaning of an unknown word.

6. Which word is an antonym for the word **venerable** as it is used in the sentence?

"The Maycomb jail was the most venerable and hideous of the county's buildings."

- a. admirable
- b. intimidating
- c. old-fashioned
- d. unimpressive

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- a. Atticus staying levelheaded in the middle of a crisis
- b. Scout crying when the seriousness of a situation hits her
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- d. Jem furiously scowling at his sister when she disobeys him

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9. Which word best completes the sentence?

Chandler tried to fix the leaking sink for several days, but he eventually recognized the _____ of his actions and called a plumber.



- b. Axton is incredibly shy and usually keeps to himself during lunch.
- c. Azalea is the most respected authority on skin cancer in the country.
- d. Chance is a talented writer but only shares his work with friends and family.

11. Which word best describes a person who easily makes friends and prefers to keep people happy whenever possible?

- a. amiable
- b. succinct
- c. tranquil
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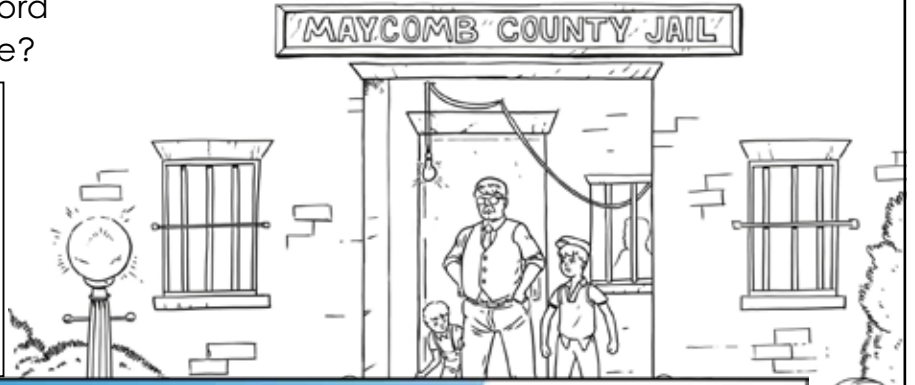
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