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To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

To Kill a Mockingbird Vocabulary

Chapters 18–20

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- a. Tom's pity was rooted in unkindness.
- b. It was dangerous for Tom to admit feeling pity.



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- a. scolded
- b. decreased
- c. aggravated
- d. pacified

3. Which statement best describes people who take “yearly **lavations**”?

- a. They are unhygienic and don't bathe regularly.
- b. They very rarely travel far from home.
- c. They go on a religious pilgrimage one a year.
- d. They seldom exercise or do physical work.

4. Based on your vocabulary knowledge, which of the following is most likely classified as a **misdemeanor**?

- a. armed robbery
- b. murder
- c. unarmed trespassing
- d. kidnapping

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His body contorted in such a way that I felt secondhand pain.

- a. relaxed without warning
- b. moved quickly



During the interview, Cesar's candid response surprised everyone.

- a. Cesar's response was unexpectedly rude.
- b. Cesar's response was joking and off topic.
- c. Cesar's response was carefully planned and evasive.
- d. Cesar's response was honest and straightforward.

9. Which description best matches the meaning of the word **impudent**?

- a. Mayella threatening to ignore court rules and not answer Atticus
- b. Tom feeling nervous that his answers will offend people
- c. Dill crying about Mr. Gilmer's harsh questioning of Tom
- d. Dolphus Raymond putting on an act to cause less strife

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- a. to emphasize how unskilled of a lawyer Mr. Gilmer is
- b. to suggest that Mr. Gilmer is not eager to be defending the Ewells
- c. to draw similarities between Mr. Gilmer and Atticus as lawyers
- d. to make it obvious that Mr. Gilmer secretly supports Tom Robinson



- c. purposeful and rewarding
- d. repetitive and boring

12. Which scenario best shows the meaning of the word **corroborative**?

- a. Two friends see the same movie over the weekend despite being in different cities, then they discuss it with one another.
- b. A big brother tells his toddler sister an imaginative bedtime story over the course of a week.
- c. Parents think their child is lying about seeing a dog in the yard, but then they find pawprints in the garden.
- d. A girl claims she has a baseball game at 1:00, but schedules show there are no games at that time.

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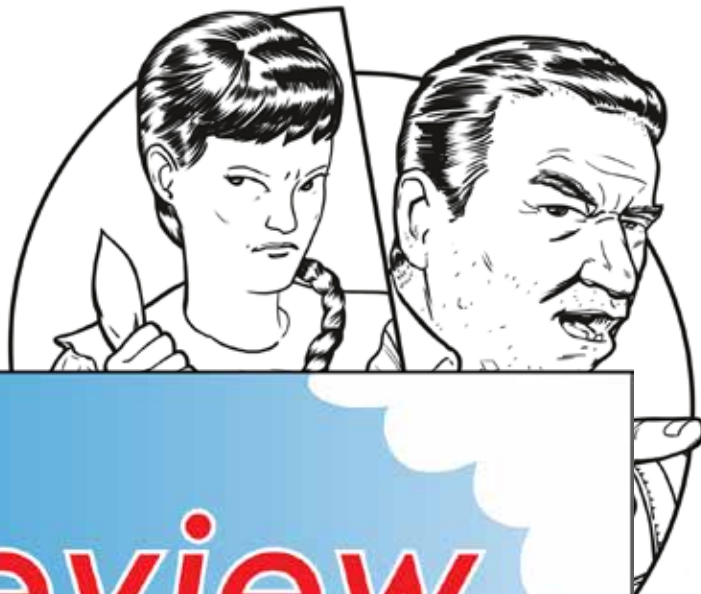
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