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To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

To Kill a Mockingbird Vocabulary

Chapters 28–31

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- a. accused
- b. claimed
- c. proved



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- a. to indicate he has never covered up anything before
 - b. to imply Jem would not understand the situation's complexity
 - c. to emphasize how wrong Atticus believes the hypothetical situation would be
 - d. to suggest Atticus thinks any coverup would be easily discovered
3. Which scenario best shows the meaning of the word **acquiescence**?
- a. Mikael prepared an argument for getting a dog, but he didn't have to use it because his parents agreed without any protest.
 - b. Rashita and Hope argued about where to eat until their aunt made the choice for them, and they were forced to go along with it.
 - c. Leonel tried to keep his older brother, Dante, out of his bedroom, but Dante overpowered him and came in anyway.
 - d. Hadassah went on a hike with Joel, but she complained the whole time because she didn't really want to be there.

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- a. powerful b. unsteady
c. singular d. peculiar

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because they were convinced a haint lived inside.

- a. a type of wild animal b. a ghost or spirit
c. a dangerous criminal d. an unfriendly hermit

7. How does the word **mortification** help you understand Scout's attitude?

“...not even Jem could make me go through that crowd, and he consented to wait backstage with me until the audience left. ‘You wanta take [your costume] off, Scout?’ he asked. ‘Naw, I’ll just keep it on,’ I said. I could hide my mortification under it.”



- a. It shows Scout is easily offended.
b. It shows Scout does not care about the opinions of others.
c. It shows how angry Scout is.
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- a. a person's facial expressions
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- d. a person's outfit

9. What does the word **staccato** suggest in this context?

"The man was walking with the staccato steps of someone carrying a load too heavy for him."



- b. a house shakes uncontrollably during an earthquake
- c. a woman rubs her hands together for warmth
- d. a cat suddenly pounces to catch a mouse

11. What does the word **stolidly** help you understand about Jem?

"[Atticus explained,] 'In our courts, when it's a white man's word against a black man's, the white man always wins. They're ugly, but those are the facts of life.' 'Doesn't make it right,' said Jem stolidly."

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