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# To Kill a Mockingbird Vocabulary

## Chapters 9–11

1. Which description best matches the meaning of the word **palliation**?
- a. saying kind, soothing things to an upset child
  - b. taunting the fans of a rival sports team
  - c. convincing your friend to watch a film
  - d. poorly explaining the answer to a question



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3. Which word is an antonym for the word **obstrepous**?

- a. disruptive
- b. confused
- c. educated
- d. calm

4. What does the word **evasion** tell you about Atticus's opinion?

*"Children are children, but they can spot an evasion quicker than adults, and evasion simply muddles 'em."*

- a. He thinks children are more accepting than adults because they aren't yet stuck in their ways.
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- a. danger                      b. commentary  
c. excitement                d. antagonization

6. Why did the author most likely use the word **gallantly**?



7. Which word best completes the sentence:

Lucca is \_\_\_\_\_ about that show; he has tie-in figurines, autographed posters, and can talk about it for hours on end.

- a. analogous                b. fanatical  
c. cantankerous            d. erratic

8. Which scenario best shows the meaning of the word **peril**?

- a. A child is being scolded for misbehaving earlier in the day.  
b. A woman is whistling happily while tending to her garden.  
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10. Which word is a synonym for the bold word in the sentence?

The cat toy moved **unpredictably**, flipping and rolling in random bursts



11. How does the word **tentatively** help you understand the situation?

*“Francis appeared at the kitchen door. ‘You still mad, Jean Louise?’ he asked tentatively.”*

- a. It suggests Francis knows Scout is still mad and is actively teasing her to get a reaction.
- b. It suggests Francis is trying to act brave even though he is terrified of Scout's anger.
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