

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD VOCABULARY EXERCISES

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Vocabulary List 1

Chapters 1, 2, 3

1. assuage (3)
2. brethren (3)
3. taciturn (4)
4. malevolent (8)
5. entailment (20)
6. sojourn (22)
7. onslaught (23)
8. contemptuous (27)
9. diminutive (27)
10. fractious (29)

1. Which of the words above is the closest in definition to "dwell" or "reside"?
2. How do you assuage Cookie Monster?
3. What word is an antonym for "garrulous"?
4. What would you do with a fractious puppy?
5. Which word might describe a dollhouse?
6. Which word is synonymous with the word "barrage"?

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Vocabulary List 2

Chapters 4, 5, 6

1. auspicious (32)
2. melancholy (39)
3. benign (42)
4. tacit (42)
5. morbid (43)
6. placidly (46)
7. edification (49)
8. inquisitive (49)
9. prowess (51)
10. malignant (55)

1. What would you say to a melancholy friend?
2. Would you rather have a malignant or a benign tumor?
3. What age group is commonly considered the more inquisitive : children or the elderly?
4. What holiday involves a morbid preoccupation?
5. Completing this vocabulary activity will lead to your _____.
6. A wedding is usually considered an _____ occasion.

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Vocabulary List 3

Chapters 7, 8, 9

1. embalming (59)
2. cleave (61)
3. palate (61)
4. aberrations (63)
5. unfathomable (63)
6. perpetrate (67)
7. adjacent (71)
8. analogous (77)
9. deportment (81)
10. invective (87)

- 1) Demonstrating this kind of speech will likely land you in the principal's office.
- 2) Sometimes siblings have _____ bedrooms.
- 3) A mortician would be qualified to provide _____ services to a family.
- 4) This is where the peanut butter goes.
- 5) To be a good role model for younger students, you should watch what you say as well as your _____.
- 6) An axe is used to _____ wood.

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Vocabulary List 4

Chapters 10, 11, 12

1. bout (89)
2. feeble (89)
3. rudiments (90)
4. peril (91)
5. passé (99)
6. livid (100)
7. arbor (101)
8. degeneration (102)
9. umbrage (102)
10. austere (122)

1. Monks lead a self-initiated _____ lifestyle.
2. Some people suffer each winter from a _____ with the flu.
3. Young students memorize the multiplication tables; they are the _____ of math.
4. When we get older, we may become more _____.
5. Eighties music has become _____.
6. A lovely garden may include a natural _____.

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Vocabulary List 5

Chapters 13, 14, 15

1. sluggish (128)
 2. prerogative (129)
 3. myopic (130)
 4. taut (137)
 5. infallible (140)
 6. ominous (146)
 7. affliction (149)
 8. ecclesiastical (150)
 9. façade (150)
 10. venerable (150)
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1. When you have a choice, then you have a _____.
 2. Sometimes when we first wake up, we are a bit _____.
 3. When we are little, we sometimes think our parents are _____, later we find out that they make mistakes as we do.
 4. Seminary school is for _____ students.
 5. In Anglo Saxon England, a very respected author was named the _____ Bede.
 6. The dark cloud was an _____ indication of the approaching storm.

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Vocabulary List 6

Chapters 16, 17, 18

1. profane (156)
 2. formidable (159)
 3. subpoena (160)
 4. dispel (162)
 5. turbulent (169)
 6. dogged (174)
 7. tenet (177)
 8. ambidextrous (178)
 9. perpetual (183)
 10. tedious (185)
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1. Someone said the Backstreet Boys were coming to my birthday party; I must _____ that rumor.
 2. Working in a factory environment can be _____ because of the repetitive tasks.
 3. Although she was hoping for a smooth ride, Monica was a passenger on a very _____ roller coaster.
 4. Are you _____ enough to write with both hands?
 5. The young lady was punished for writing a _____ message on her notebook.
 6. Our team was sad to lose the game, but we knew we were up against a _____ opponent.

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Vocabulary List 7

Chapters 19, 20, 21

1. volition (192)
 2. candid (198)
 3. impudent (198)
 4. discreet (200)
 5. fraud (201)
 6. detachment (202)
 7. temerity (204)
 8. caliber (204)
 9. pauper (205)
 10. indignant (207)
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1. Tiffany's mom was about to encourage her to volunteer, but Tiffany volunteered of her own _____.
 2. Charlatans are declared _____.
 3. A _____ is destitute.
 4. To earn the scholarship, you must be someone of high moral _____.
 5. The young lady built a successful business by demonstrating prudence, not _____.
 6. The teacher did not appreciate little Sally's _____ remark.

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Vocabulary List 8

Chapters 22, 23, 24

1. cynical (214)
 2. feral (214)
 3. heathen (216)
 4. vehement (221)
 5. infantile (226)
 6. devout (230)
 7. impertinence (230)
 8. squalor (231)
 9. bovine (232)
 10. brevity (233)
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1. The farmer earned the National _____ Award for his work with milk pasteurization.
 2. Despite its _____, the short story was most descriptive.
 3. The preacher said smoking was a _____ behavior.
 4. It was sad that the children were discovered living in _____.
 5. The new employee was criticized for her _____.
 6. Immature behavior is most _____, particularly among those who should behave more maturely.

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Vocabulary List 9

Chapters 25, 26, 27

1. scowling (238)
 2. veneer (240)
 3. remorse (242)
 4. recluse (242)
 5. spurious (244)
 6. notoriety (248)
 7. florid (248)
 8. nondescript (248)
 9. carcass (249)
 10. eccentricities (250)
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1. I wouldn't want to be the person who has to put up an animal _____ off of the road.
 2. The _____ hadn't been out in public for many years.
 3. Harper Lee's prose style is described as _____.
 4. It was hard for me to choose a favorite dress out of the three she presented; to me they were all _____.
 5. Parents grow tired of looking at the _____ faces of ungrateful children.
 6. That which is not authentic is _____.

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Vocabulary List 10

Chapters 28, 29, 30, 31

1. irascible (255)
 2. gait (255)
 3. furtive (255)
 4. pinioned (262)
 5. staccato (263)
 6. reprimand (270)
 7. blandly (271)
 8. connive (273)
 9. competent (274)
 10. enacting (279)
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1. The horse's injury resulted in an unusual _____.
 2. The musician made the _____ notes sound like rain on a tin roof.
 3. At what are you most competent?
 4. The babysitter was told to _____ the puppy for jumping on the counter.
 5. She must not want to go to the movies tonight. She accepted the invitation rather _____.
 6. The super model's new career is most philanthropic; she is _____ a positive change in the educational community.