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To Kill A Mockingbird Vocabulary

***Compound Sentences***

* 1a. “She had been with us ever since Jem was born, and I had felt her **tyrannical** presence as long as I could remember.” Page 7

1b. Oppressive

1c. Adjective; Unjustly cruel, harsh, or severe

1d. The boss was very **tyrannical**, and I am very tired of it.

* 2a. “The tire bumped on gravel, **skeetered** across the road, crashed into a barrier and popped me like a cork into pavement.” Page 50

2b. To move quick

2c. Verb; To move rapidly along a surface

2d. The ball **skeetered** over the goal, yet no damage was caused.

* 3a. “If I could have explained these things to Miss Caroline, I would have saved myself some inconvenient and Miss Caroline subsequent **mortification**, but it was beyond my ability to explain things as well as Atticus, so I said, ‘You’re shamin’ him, Miss Caroline. Walter hasn’t got a quarter at home to bring you, and you can’t use my Stonewood.’” Page 28

3b. Embarrassed

3c. Noun; A sense of humiliation and shame caused by something that wound one’s pride or self-respect.

3d. The mortification was great, but I am glad because of it.

* 4a. “Sometimes I did not understand him, but my periods of **bewilderment** were short-lived.” Page 75

4b. Confusion

4c. Noun; The state of being lost, confused, or perplexed.

4d. He stared with bewilderment, but I didn’t know why.

* 5a. “He raced across the street, disappeared into Miss Maudie’s back yard and returned **triumphant**.” Page 90

5b. Victorious

5c. Adjective; Having won a battle or contest

5d. She remains triumphant, yet I have a plan.

* 6a. “There went with the house the usual about the Yankees: one Finch female, recently engaged, donned her complete **trousseau** to save it from raiders in the neighborhood; she became stuck in the door to the Daughter’s Staircase but was doused with water and finally pushed through.” Page 107

6b. Wedding dress

6c. Noun; The personal possessions of a bride

6d. Jocelyn’s ordered her trousseau; it is very exquisite.

* 7a. “She was a widow, a chameleon lady who worked in her flower beds in an old straw hat and men’s coveralls, but after her five o’clock bath she would appear on the porch and reign over the street in **magisterial** beauty.” Page 56

7b. Powerful

7c. Adjective; Having the characteristics of a master or a teacher.

7d. He spoke in a vert magisterial tone; I listened to him.

***Complex Sentences***

* 8a. “Jem picked up a rock and threw it **jubilantly** at the carhouse.” Page 131

8b. Joyfully

8c. Adjective; Feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph

8d. When the ice cream truck was out, Hanson jubilantly ran to the sidewalk.

* 9a. “He held out his other hand; it contained fat **camellia** buds.”

9b. A type of flower

9c. Noun; A genus of shrubs or trees of the tea family.

9d. I looked at the camellia flowers even if I cannot afford them.

* 10a. “Mayella sniffed **wrathfully** and looked at Atticus.” Page 248

10b. Very angrily

10c. Adjective; full of or characterized by intense hours

10d. When I yelled wrathfully, it was not fun.

* 11a. “The more **affluent** chased their food with drugstore Coca-Cola in bulb-shaped soda glasses” Page 214

11b. Wealthy

11c. Adjective; A group who has a great deal of money

11d. When the affluent man gets his paycheck for his job, he seems very unsatisfied.

* 12a. “Still, everything he read he passed along to me, but with this difference: formerly, because he thought I’d like it; now, for my **edification** and instruction.” Page 184

12b. Directions/guidance

12c. Noun; The instruction or improvement of a person morally or intellectually

12d. It was very boring since the edification was very tedious.

* 13a. “Maycomb was spared the **grubbiness** that distinguished most Alabama towns its size.” Page 174

13b. Laziness

13c. Noun; the state or quality of being dirty

13d. Until I saw the grubbiness of the restaurant, I enjoyed it.

* 14a. “Instead, Maycomb grew and sprawled out from its hub, Sinkfield’s Tavern, because Sinkfield reduced his guests to **myopic** drunkenness one evening, induced them to bring forward their maps and charts, lop off a little here, and adjust the center of the county to meet his requirements.” Page 174

14b. Blind

14c. Adjective; lacking in foresight or discernments

14d. Since she has a myopic attitude towards kangaroos, I sat near the back of the class.

***Compound Complex Sentences***

* 15a. “When Calpurnia stayed overnight with us she slept on a folding cot in the kitchen; that morning it was covered with our Sunday **habiliments**.” Page 156

15b. Clothes

15c. Noun; clothes or clothing

15d. Although I went to school, my habiliment was rough, and I did not like it.

* 16a. “It was **obstreperous**, disorderly, abusive- “ Page 113

16b. Messy

16c. Adjective; Noisy and difficult to control

16d. Today is not good since the roads are quite slippery, for the snow is obstreperous to drive on.

* 17a. “Those unable to sit were strapped **papoose**-style on their mothers’ backs, or resided in extra cotton bags” Page 164

17b. Something to hold a child on a mother’s back

17c. Noun; A North American Indian baby or young child

17d. Whenever I spoke to the papoose, he was very nice, yet he was immature.

* 18a. “**Mollified**, Mayella gave Atticus a final terrified glance and said to Mr. Gilmer, ‘Well, sir, I was on the porch and- and he came along and, you see, there was this old chifforobe in the yard Papa’d brought in to chop up for kindlin’ – Papa told me to do it while he was off in the woods but I wadn’t feelin’ strong enough then, so he came by-‘” Page 241

18b. Angry

18c. Verb; to soothe in temper or disposition

18d. While the boss was mollified, I was trying to ignore it, but he was very loud.

* 19a. “I sometimes felt a **twinge** of remorse, when passing by the old place, at ever having taken part in what must have been sheer torment to Arthur Radley – what reasonable recluse wants children peeping through his shutters, delivering greetings on the end of a fishing-pole, wandering in his collards at night?” Page 324

19b. A sharp feeling.

19c. Noun; A sudden, sharp localized pain

19d. I did not like class because I felt a twinge in my back the entire time, and it hurt.

* 20a. “She was furious, and when she was furious Calpurnia’s grammar became **erratic**.” Page 32

20b. Random

20c. Adjective; Not even or regular in pattern or movement

20d. Monday is great because it is very erratic, yet it can be boring.

***Bonus***

* 21a. “’You can’t go around making **caricatures** of the neighbors’” Page 90

21b. Portraits

21c. Noun; A picture, description or imitation of a person in which certain striking characteristics are exaggerated in order to create a comic or grotesque effect.

21d. Since he was wealthy, there is caricatures of him.

* 22a. “The internal arrangement of the Finch house were indicative of Simon’s **guilelessness** and the absolute trust with which he regarded his offspring.” Page 106

22b. Shrewd

22c. Adjective; Openness, lack of cunning

22d. My guilelessness was obvious, everyone saw it.

* 23a. “’Heck, we’ve gotten one **postponement** of this case just to make sure there’s nothing to be uneasy about.’” Page 194

23b. To delay something

23c. Noun; The action of postponing something

23d. The postponement was inevitable; it’s bound to happen.

24a. “I was fairly sure Boo Radley was inside that house, but I couldn’t prove it, and felt it best to keep my mouth shut or I would be accuse of believing in Hot Steams, **phenomena** I was immune in the daytime.” Page 51

24b. Something that exists

24c. Noun; Something that is observable or an extraordinary thing or person.

24d. Although I was dumbfounded, asteroids are interesting phenomena.

* 25a. “From any angle, it was **formidable**.” Page 171

25b. Striking fear

25c. Adjective; Inspiring fear or respect through being impressively powerful

25d. Although it was a good day, I saw Henry, my formidable foe.