

## **To Kill A Mockingbird Vocabulary Definition List**

To Kill A Mockingbird contains some difficult words that you don't use everyday. The following list provides definitions for some of the more complicated words in the text.

### **Chapter 1**

**1. piety:** describes being devoted to God or particularly religious.

**2. nebulous:** means vague or unclear.

### **Chapter 2**

**3. conferred:** consulted.

### **Chapter 3**

**4. expounding:** to explain in great detail.

**5. judiciously:** wisely.

**6. concessions:** acts of acknowledging and accepting the opposing party's point.

### **Chapter 4**

**7. auspicious:** something that is favorable or successful.

**8. parceled:** divided and distributed.

**9. evasion:** the act of avoiding or hiding.

**10. quelling:** pacifying or suppressing.

### **Chapter 5**

**11. benign:** kind and gentle, not causing harm.

**12. tacit:** implied or known without stating aloud.

**13. benevolence:** a kind or thoughtful act.

**14. peril:** immediate danger or risk.

**15. placidly:** acting calmly or quietly.

### **Chapter 6**

**16. ensuing:** following afterwards.

**17. dismemberment:** to cut up the limbs or parts of something.

**18. waning:** to decrease or diminish in size or amount.

### **Chapter 7**

**19. vigil:** the act of keeping watch.

### **Chapter 8**

**20. unfathomable:** unable to be understood.

**21. accosted:** approached and demanded a conversation.

**22. perpetrated:** committed.

**23. vivid:** intensely bright and colorful.

**24. perplexity:** the state of being confused.

### **Chapter 9**

**25. inordinately:** going beyond what is considered reasonable.

**26. ingenuous:** describes something that is innocent and unworldly.

**27. provocation:** something that causes anger or other intense feelings.

**28. inevitable:** it cannot be stopped or avoided.

### **Chapter 10**

**29. inconspicuous:** easy to miss or not see.

**30. mausoleum:** large tomb or a structure that holds many caskets.

**32. erratically:** wandering without purpose or direction.

**33. vehemently:** forcefully or vigorously.

**34. articulate:** able to speak in a clear manner.

### **Chapter 11**

**35. degeneration:** the process of breaking down or being destroyed.

**36. umbrage:** resentment.

**37. skulked:** hid out or walked about with a guilty conscience.

**38. tirade:** a long negative speech.

**39. propensities:** tendencies toward something.

### **Chapter 12**

**40. contemptuously:** scornfully.

**41. ecclesiastical:** something related to a church or religion.

**42. qualms:** feelings of unease or nervousness.

**43. austere:** strict or severe.

### **Chapter 13**

**44. prerogative:** a right to do something.

**45. curtness:** being brief in a rude way.

### **Chapter 14**

**46. pensive:** thinking deeply or wistfully.

**47. antagonize:** to cause anger or irritation.

**48. tentative:** uncertain or not completely agreed upon.

### **Chapter 15**

**49. stifle:** to keep down or hold back.

**50. prevailed:** what is predominant or most common.

**51. succinct:** precise and without any extras.

**52. acquiescence:** agreeing without argument.

**53. futility:** there is no point in doing something.

### **Chapter 16**

**54. unobtrusive:** inconspicuous or not very noticeable.

**55. eccentricities:** characteristics that are out of the ordinary and somewhat odd.

### **Chapter 17**

**56. scrutiny:** careful examination.

**57. devoid:** totally empty or lacking.

**58. genially:** pleasantly or friendly.

**59. tenet:** a doctrine or principle.

### **Chapter 18**

**60. mollified:** soothed or calmed.

**61. arid:** something that is dry or lifeless.

### **Chapter 19**

**62.predicament:** a difficult situation.  
**63.unimpaired:** undamaged or unhindered.  
**64.expunge:** to completely erase.  
**65.impudent:** someone who is acting offensively bold.  
**Chapter 20**  
**66.equivalent:** equal in value or worth.  
**67.contraband:** forbidden goods or objects.

**68.unmitigated:** unrelieved or without exception.

**Chapter 21**

**69.acquit:** to clear of all charges.  
**70.exhilarated:** caused to feel happy or invigorated.

**Chapter 22**

**71.fatalistic:** believing things are predetermined and unchangeable.  
**72.ruefully:** bringing pity or sorrow.

**Chapter 23**

**73.credibility:** the quality of believability.  
**74.furtive:** something hidden and secretive.  
**75.adamant:** firm and unyielding or stubborn.  
**76.infantile:** something childish.  
**77.wary:** watchful or unsure.

**Chapter 24**

**78.qualid:** dirty and filthy, usually due to poverty.  
**79.impertinence:** rudeness or insolence.

**Chapter 25**

**80.veneer:** a thin layer covering an inferior base.

**Chapter 26**

**81.allegedly:** supposedly, not yet proven.  
**82.persecuting:** oppressing or harassing.  
**83.enunciated:** spoken aloud clearly.  
**84.mused:** concentrated on one's own thoughts and feelings.

**Chapter 27**

**85.annals:** written records of events.  
**86.notoriety:** being famous for doing something bad.  
**87.nondescript:** lacking memorable features or qualities.

**Chapter 28**

**88.incantations:** spells or charms spoken aloud for magical protection.  
**89.gait:** the particular way a person walks.  
**90.teeming:** full to the brim.  
**91.mortification:** a feeling of deep shame or embarrassment.  
**92.reeling:** being thrown off balance.  
**93.staccato:** short, separate sounds or movements.

**Chapter 29**

**94.instinctive:** happening naturally and without thought ahead of time.  
**95.reprimand:** strongly admonishing someone.

**Chapter 30**

**96.connived:** schemed or plotted.

**Chapter 31**

**97.railing:** an odd sound accompanying normal breathing that usually suggests illness.