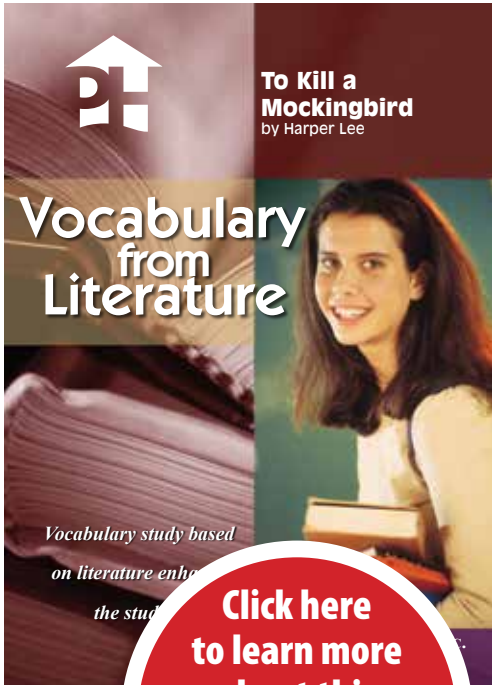




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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 1, 2, & 3

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary and change any answers that are not correct.

judiciously (31)
discernible (32)
impotent (4)

contemptuous (27)
subsequent (21)
iniquities (25)

stealthy (9)
mortification (21)

1. _____ with wisdom
2. _____ humiliation
3. _____ powerless
4. _____ resulting; coming after
5. _____ injustice
6. _____ perceivable; knowable
7. _____ sly; sneaky
8. _____ lacking respect

nebulous (11)
covey (18)
delegation (20)

malevolent (8)
taciturn (4)
illicitly (17)

vapid (8)
sentimentality (19)

9. _____ dull; empty
10. _____ unclear; vague
11. _____ a small group
12. _____ evil
13. _____ quiet
14. _____ illegal; without permission
15. _____ a group with a purpose
16. _____ an excess of emotion

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6. Mindful of John Wesley's **strictures** on the use of many words in buying and selling, Simon made a pile practicing medicine, but in this pursuit he was unhappy **lest** he be tempted into doing what he knew was not for the glory of God, as the putting on of gold and costly apparel. So Simon, having forgotten his teacher's **dictum** on the possession of human **chattels**, bought three slaves and with their aid established a homestead on the banks of the Alabama River some forty miles above Saint Stephens. (Pg. 4)

Definition for **strictures**:

Definition for **lest**:

Definition for **dictum**:

Definition for **chattels**

7. Hours of wintertime had found me in the treehouse, looking over at the schoolyard, spying on **multitudes** of children through a two-power telescope Jem had given me, learning their games, following Jem's red jacket through wriggling circles of blind man's bluff, secretly sharing their misfortunes and minor victories. I longed to join them.

Jem **condescended** to take me to school the first day, a job usually done by one's parents, but Atticus had said Jem would be delighted to show me where my room was. I think some money changed hands in the transaction, for as we trotted around the corner past the Radley Place I heard an unfamiliar jingle in Jem's pockets. (Pg. 15, 16)

Definition for **multitudes**:

Definition for **condescended**:

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**Activity V
Roots and Prefixes
Chapters 1, 2, & 3**

A.

Directions: The prefixes “in” and “im” often mean “not” or “no, having none.” Complete the following chart using “in” or “im,” vocabulary words from the text. Fill in meanings and synonyms for the vocabulary words. Use a dictionary if you have trouble. Boxes with an X do not need to have information in them.

Meaning of Prefix	Prefix + Original Word =	Vocabulary Word	Meaning of Vocabulary Word	Synonym
no; lack of	in + convenience	= inconvenience	lack of convenience	bother
not	in +	=	not able to be seen	
not	im + potent	=		weak
no; lack of	im +	=	lack of patience	
lack of	in X	X	X iniquity	wickedness

B.

Directions: Study the definition of each vocabulary word. Then, fill in the meaning of the word’s prefix. If you have trouble, consult a dictionary.

Word	Definition	Prefix	Meaning of Prefix
1. descendants	those who come down from; children or children’s children	de	
2. admitted	sent towards	ad	
3. reproductions	things made again; copies	re	
4. transaction	an action across or between; an exchange	trans	
5. monosyllabic	having one syllable	mono	
6. disapprobation	lack of approval	dis	

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Activity V
Roots and Prefixes
Chapters 4, 5, 6, & 7

A.

Fill in the following chart with information about prefixes, vocabulary words, and definitions. Use a dictionary to look up any prefixes or definitions you do not know.

Word	Prefix	Meaning of Prefix	Definition of Word	Synonym
progress				
decline				
transparent				
opposition				
advise				

B.

Directions: You have already seen that the prefix “in/im” can mean “not.” It can also mean “in” or “inside.” Its opposite, “e” or “ex,” means “out of, outside.” Each of the following words begins with “in/im” “e,” or “ex.” Define each one. Then, replace the word’s prefix with its opposite to make a new word (in a few cases, the part of speech may be different). Finally, define the new word. Use a dictionary if you need help. The first one is done for you.

Word	Definition	Replace Prefix With	Opposite Word	Definition
1. evolve	grow out of	in	involve	include
2. expend		im		
3. evasion		in		
4. impression		ex		
5. implode		im		
6. impel		ex		