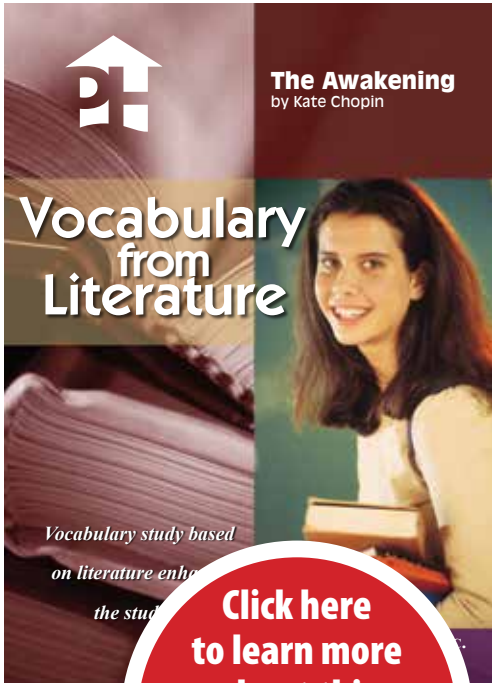




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**Activity II**  
**Synonyms and Definitions**  
**Chapters 1-10**

**Directions:** For each excerpt from these chapters, select the correct definition or synonym for each vocabulary word from the choices provided. As a last resort, you may use the dictionary, but the definition or synonym must make sense in the context of the passage.

1. An **indescribable oppression**, which seemed to generate in some unfamiliar part of her **consciousness**, filled her whole being with a vague **anguish**. It was like a shadow, like a mist passing across her soul's summer day. (Pg. 18)

Definition for **indescribable**:

- A. confused
- B. only slightly perceptible
- C. highly visible
- D. unable to be expressed with words
- E. irregular, uneven

Synonym for **oppression**:

- A. surprise
- B. weight
- C. loss
- D. happiness
- E. freedom

Synonym for **consciousness**:

- A. past
- B. memory
- C. awareness
- D. future
- E. family

Definition for **anguish**:

- A. deep thought
- B. suffering, sorrow
- C. depression
- D. joy
- E. relief

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**Activity III**  
**Writing Definitions and Sentences**  
**from Context Clues**  
**Chapters 11-20**

**Directions:** For each highlighted word, write a definition that fits the context of the passage. Then check your answers by looking the words up in the dictionary. Finally, write a sentence using each word.

1. Madame Ratignolle hoped that Robert would exercise extreme caution in dealing with the Mexicans, who, she considered, were a **treacherous** people, **unscrupulous** and revengeful. (Pg. 65)

Definition for **treacherous** \_

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Definition for **unscrupulous**:

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2. “This seems to me perfectly **preposterous** and uncalled for. I don’t like it.” (Pg. 66)

Definition for **preposterous**:

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3. For the first time she recognized the symptoms of **infatuation** which she had felt **incipiently** as a child, as a girl in her earliest teens, and later as a young woman. (Pg. 67)

Definition for **infatuation**:

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**Activity II**  
**Writing Synonyms**  
**from Context Clues**  
**Chapters 21-29**

**Directions:** Replace each highlighted word in the following passages with the synonym that best fits the context of the sentence.

1. The music grew strange and fantastic—**turbulent**, insistent, **plaintive** and soft with entreaty. (Pg. 89)

Synonym for **turbulent**:

Synonym for **plaintive**:

2. He stared up disapprovingly over his eye-glasses as Mr. Pontellier entered, wondering who had the **temerity** to disturb him at that hour of the morning. (Pg. 91)

Synonym for **temerity**:

3. It would require an inspired psychologist to deal successfully with them. And when ordinary fellows like you and me attempt to cope with their **idiosyncrasies** the result is bungling. (Pg. 93)

Synonym for **idiosyncrasies**:

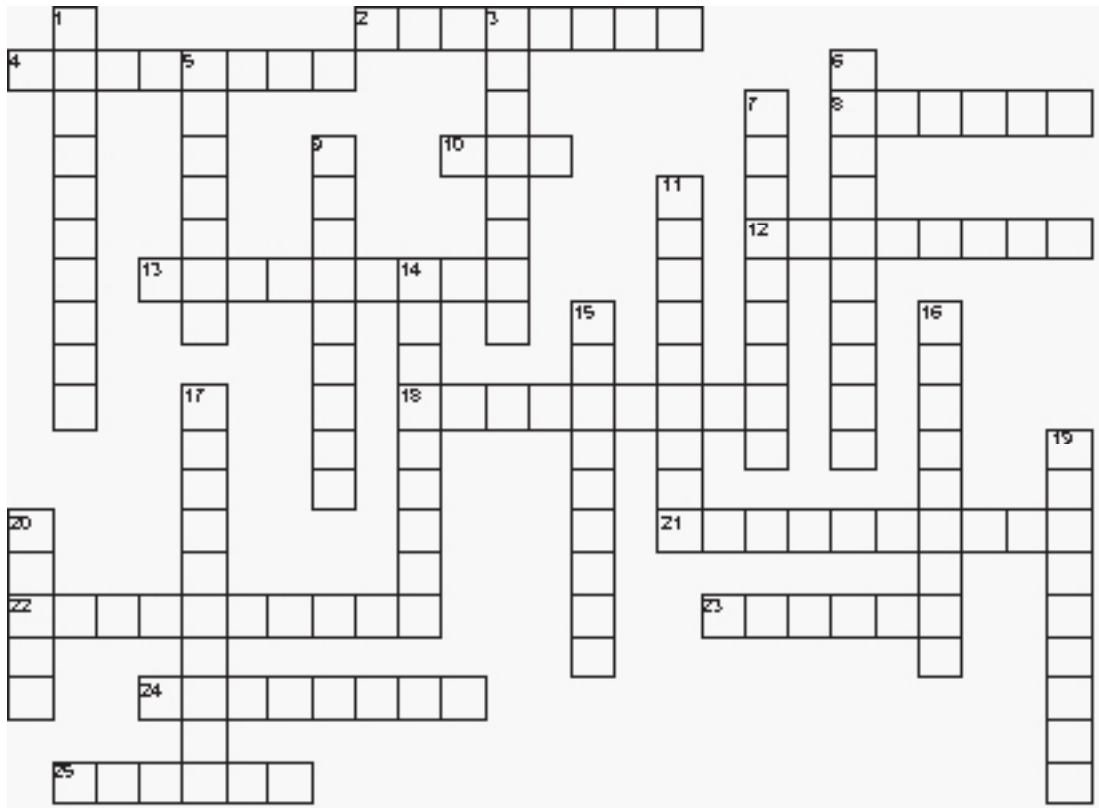
4. He did not resume his book immediately, but sat for a while **meditatively** looking out into the garden. (Pg. 93)

Synonym for **meditatively**:

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Activity VI  
Crossword Puzzle  
Chapters 21-29



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- |     |   |     |                                 |
|-----|---|-----|---------------------------------|
| 2.  | attacked  | 1.  | left to, willed                 |
| 4.  | depended  | 3.  | informed                        |
| 8.  | affectionate  | 5.  | lazy, sluggish, slow            |
| 10. | anger   | 6.  | boldness                        |
| 12. | abundant, plentiful                                   | 7.  | shaking, trembling              |
| 13. | a scar left by the healing of a wound                 | 9.  | a contagious disease or illness |
| 18. | a comforter, blanket                                  | 11. | irregular                       |
| 21. | mixing, creating                                      | 14. | to introduce, add               |
| 22. | regrettable   | 15. | constant, unending              |
| 23. | courage   | 16. | flirted                         |
| 24. | to act under the influence of threats<br>or pressures | 17. | a raincoat                      |
| 25. | understand, consider                                  | 19. | sincere, honest                 |
|     |   | 20. | tricks                          |