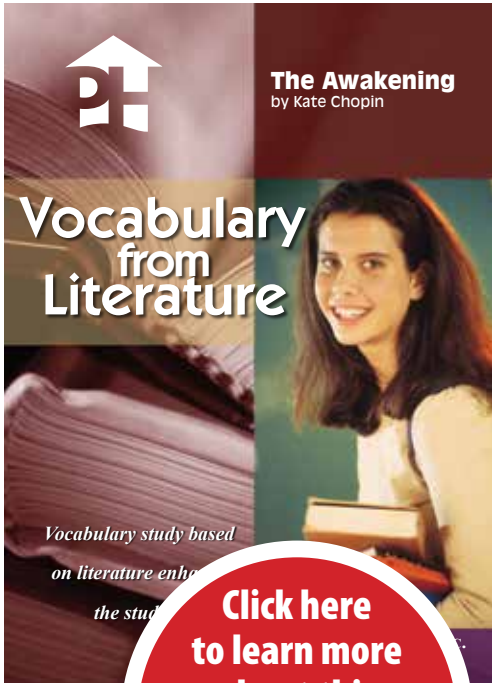




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Activity II
Synonyms and Definitions
Chapters 1-10

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** _

Definition for **unscrupulous**:

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

Definition for **preposterous**:

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)

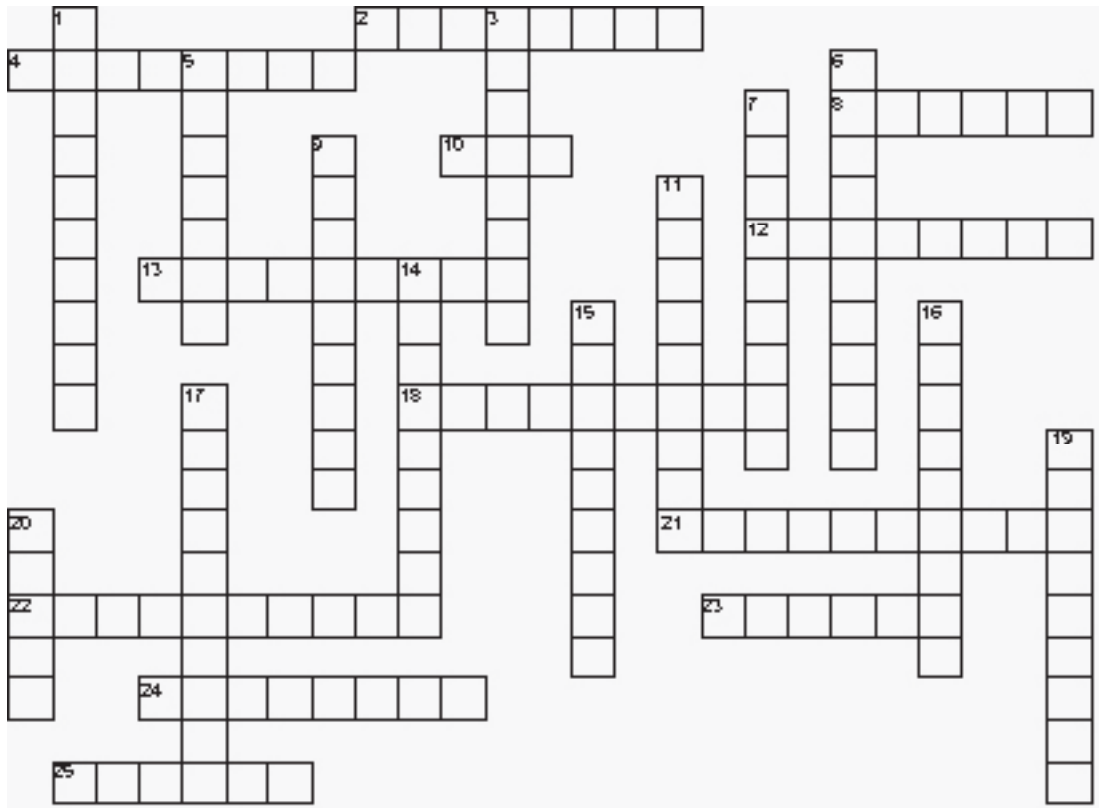
Synonym for **idiosyncrasies**:

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



Across

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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
or pressures | 17. | a raincoat |
| 25. | understand, consider | 19. | sincere, honest |
| | | 20. | tricks |