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**Directions:** Read the vocabulary word in the context of the sentence and try to figure out what it means in the space below. Compare your guesses with dictionary meaning provided by the teacher.

### 1. Assuaged

“When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow. When it healed, and Jem's fears of never being able to play football were **assuaged**, he was seldom self-conscious about his injury. His left arm was somewhat shorter than his right; when he stood or walked, the back of his hand was at right angles to his body, his thumb parallel to his thigh. He couldn't have cared less, so long as he could pass and punt.”

1. Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. dictum

### 3. human chattels

“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.”

2. Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

3. Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Impotent

Simon would have regarded with **impotent** fury the disturbance between the North and the South, as it left his descendants stripped of everything but their land, yet the tradition of living on the land remained unbroken until well into the twentieth century, when my father, Atticus Finch, went to Montgomery to read law, and his younger brother went to Boston to study medicine.

4. Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Taciturn

“Their sister Alexandra was the Finch who remained at the Landing: she married a **taciturn** man who spent most of his time lying in a hammock by the river wondering if his trot-lines were full.”

5. Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Alleged

### 7. Imprudent

“The Haverfords had dispatched Maycomb's leading blacksmith in a misunderstanding arising from the **alleged** wrongful detention of a mare, were **imprudent** enough to do it in the presence of three witnesses, and insisted that the-son-of-a-bitch-had-it-coming-to-him was a good enough defense for anybody.”

6. Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. Ambled

“People moved slowly then. They **ambled** across the square, shuffled in and out of the stores around it, took their time about everything”

8. . Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Tyrannical

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

9. Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. Eccentric

“ Dill as a pocket Merlin, whose head teemed with **eccentric** plans, strange longings, and quaint fancies.”

9. Words that might fit: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Guess; \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary meaning (denotation): \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors/CPA:** Define the following 5 words as well:

Repertoire:

Vapid:

Veranda:

Malevolent:

Stealthy:

**Honors:** These too:

Predilection:

Accord:

Domicile:

Profane:

Nebulous:

