

## To Kill A Mockingbird Vocabulary List M1

Memorize the spellings and definitions of each of these words.

### **pre·rog·a·tive**

- n.** 1. An exclusive right or privilege held by a person or group, especially a hereditary or official right. See note at **right**.  
2. The exclusive right and power to command, decide, rule, or judge: *the principal's prerogative to suspend a student*.  
3. A natural gift or advantage that confers superiority.  
4. Characteristic superiority; preeminence.
- adj.** 1. Of, arising from, or exercising a prerogative.

### **voile** (voil)

- n.** 1. A light, plain-weave, sheer fabric of cotton, rayon, silk, or wool used especially for making dresses and curtains.

### **ha·bil·i·ment**

- n.** 1. Often **habiliments**  
**a.** The special dress or garb associated with an occasion or office: "*shrouded from head to foot in the habiliments of the grave*" Edgar Allan Poe  
**b.** Clothes.  
2. **habiliments** Characteristic furnishings or equipment; trappings: *surrounded by the habiliments of the television news industry*.

### **con·tra·band**

- n.** 1. Goods prohibited by law or treaty from being imported or exported.  
2. **a.** Illegal traffic in contraband; smuggling.  
**b.** Smuggled goods.  
3. Goods that may be seized and confiscated by a belligerent if shipped to another belligerent by a neutral.  
4. An escaped slave during the Civil War who fled to or was taken behind Union lines.
- adj.** 1. Prohibited from being imported or exported.

### **sub·se·quent**

- adj.** 1. Following in time or order; succeeding.

### **un·mit·i·gat·ed**

- adj.** 1. Not diminished or moderated in intensity or severity; unrelieved: *unmitigated suffering*.  
2. Without qualification or exception; absolute: *an unmitigated lie*. **un·mit**  
" i·gat " ed·ly adv. **un·mit** " i·gat " ed·ness n.

**te·mer·i·ty**

- n.** 1. Foolhardy disregard of danger; recklessness.

**cyn·i·cal** (sɪˈnɪ-kəl)

**adj.** 1. Scornful of the motives, virtue, or integrity of others: *a cynical distrust of friendly strangers; a cynical view of the average voter's intelligence.*

2. Expressing or exhibiting scorn and bitter mockery: *cynical laughter.* **cyn**  
" i·cal·ly *adv.* **cyn** " i·cal·ness *n.*