

To Kill A Mockingbird Vocabulary List M2

Memorize the spellings and definitions of each of these words.

mel·an·chol·y

- n.** 1. Sadness or depression of the spirits; gloom: “*There is melancholy in the wind and sorrow in the grass*” Charles Kuralt
2. Pensive reflection or contemplation.

wrath·ful

- adj.** 1. Full of wrath; fiercely angry.
2. Proceeding from or expressing wrath: *wrathful vengeance*. See note at **angry**. **wrath** “ **ful·ly** *adv.* **wrath** “ **ful·ness** *n.*

ap·o·plec·tic

- adj.** 1. Of, resembling, or produced by apoplexy: *an apoplectic fit*.
2. **a** . Having or inclined to have apoplexy.
b . Exhibiting symptoms associated with apoplexy.
3. Extremely angry; furious: “*members of Congress who otherwise become apoplectic about wasteful government spending*” Dan Morgan
ap “ **o·plec** “ **ti·cal·ly** *adv.*

scup·per·nong

- n.** 1. See **muscadine**.
2. **a** . A cultivated variety of the muscadine grape with sweet, yellowish fruit.
b . A wine made from this grape.
[After the *Scuppernong* River in northeast North Carolina]

um·brage

- n.** 1. Offense; resentment: *took umbrage at their rudeness*.
2. **a** . Something that affords shade.
b . Shadow or shade. See note at **shade**.
3. A vague or indistinct indication; a hint.
[Middle English, shade from Old French from Latin *umbraticum*, neuter of *umbraticus*, of shade from Latin *umbra*, shadow]

phi·lip·pic

- n.** 1. Any of the orations of Demosthenes against Philip of Macedon in the fourth century B.C.
2. Any of the orations of Cicero against Antony in 44 B.C.
3. **philippic** A verbal denunciation characterized by harsh, often insulting language; a tirade.

pal·li·ate

v. tr. pal·li·at·e d pal·li·at·ing pal·li·ate s

1. To make (an offense or crime) seem less serious; extenuate.
2. To make less severe or intense; mitigate: *tried unsuccessfully to palliate the widespread discontent.*

cal·o·mel

- n. 1.** A colorless, white or brown tasteless compound, Hg_2Cl_2 , used as a purgative and an insecticide. Also Called **mercurous chloride**.

pur·ga·tive

- adj. 1.** Tending to cleanse or purge, especially causing evacuation of the bowels.

pro·pen·si·ty

n.

pl. **pro·pen·si·ties**

1. An innate inclination; a tendency.