

To Kill A Mockingbird Vocabulary List M2  
Memorize the spellings and definitions of each of these words.

**chat·tel**

**n.** 1.

*Law* An article of personal, movable property.

2. A slave.

**syn·on·y·mous**

**adj.**

*Abbr.* **syn.**

1. Having the same or a similar meaning: *synonymous words*.

2. Equivalent in connotation: “*a widespread impression that . . .*

*Hollywood was synonymous with immorality*” Doris Kearns Goodwin

**spit·toon**

**n.** 1. A bowl-shaped, usually metal vessel, often with a funnel-shaped cover, into which tobacco chewers periodically spit.

[ **spit**<sup>1</sup> -*oon* as in **balloon**]

**sul·ly**

**v. tr.** **sul·lied sul·ly·ing sul·lies**

1. To mar the cleanness or luster of; soil or stain.

2. To defile; taint.

**n.**

*pl.* **sul·lies**

*Archaic* 1. Something that stains or spots.

[ Probably from French *souiller* from Old French; See **soil**<sup>2</sup>]

**teem**<sup>1</sup>

**teemed teem·ing teems**

**v. intr.** 1. To be full of things; abound or swarm: *A drop of water teems with microorganisms.*

*Obsolete* 2. To be or become pregnant; bear or produce young.

**v. tr.**

*Archaic* 1. To give birth to.

**vap·id**

**adj.** 1. Lacking liveliness, animation, or interest; dull: *vapid conversation*.

2. Lacking taste, zest, or flavor; flat: *vapid beer*.

**rep·er·toire**

**n.** 1. The stock of songs, plays, operas, readings, or other pieces that a player or company is prepared to perform.

2. The range or number of skills, aptitudes, or special accomplishments of a particular person or group.

### **en·tail**

#### **v. tr. en·tailed en·tail·ing en·tails**

1. To have, impose, or require as a necessary accompaniment or consequence: *an investment that entailed high risk.*
2. To limit the inheritance of (property) to a specified succession of heirs.
3. To bestow or impose on a person or a specified succession of heirs.

- n.**
1. **a .** The act of entailing, especially property.  
**b .** The state of being entailed.
  2. An entailed estate.
  3. A predetermined order of succession, as to an estate or to an office.
  4. Something transmitted as if by unalterable inheritance.

### **spec·u·la·tion**

**n.**

*Abbr.* **spec.**

1. **a .** Contemplation or consideration of a subject; meditation.  
**b .** A conclusion, an opinion, or a theory reached by conjecture.  
**c .** Reasoning based on inconclusive evidence; conjecture or supposition.
2. **a .** Engagement in risky business transactions on the chance of quick or considerable profit.  
**b .** A commercial or financial transaction involving speculation.

### **a·bom·i·na·ble**

- adj.**
1. Unequivocally detestable; loathsome: *abominable treatment of prisoners.*
  2. Thoroughly unpleasant or disagreeable: *abominable weather.*