

**8th Grade Vocabulary Handout = 40 words**  
***To Kill a Mockingbird***

**nebulous (adj)** hazy, vague, indistinct, or confused  
location: 11

**wallowing (verb)** to live self-indulgently; luxuriate; revel  
location: 17

**conferred (verb)** to consult together; compare opinions; carry on a discussion or deliberation  
location: 20

**tranquility (noun)** calmness; peacefulness; quiet; serenity  
location: 24

**contentious (adj)** tending to argument or strife; quarrelsome  
location: 27

**amiable (adj)** having or showing pleasant, good-natured personal qualities; affable  
location: 29

**judiciously (adj)** using or showing judgment as to action or practical expediency; discreet, prudent, or politic  
location: 31

**concessions (noun)** the act of conceding or yielding, as a right, a privilege, or a point or fact in an argument  
location: 31

**auspicious (adj)** promising success; propitious; opportune; favorable  
location: 32

**quelling (verb)** to suppress; put an end to; extinguish  
location: 40

**tacit (adj)** understood without being openly expressed; implied  
location: 42

**scuttle (verb)** to run or move about with short hasty steps  
location: 47

**waning (verb)** to decrease in strength, intensity  
location: 56

**cleaved (verb)** to adhere to, to stick  
location: 61

**accosted (verb)** to confront boldly  
location: 65

**vivid (adj)** strikingly bright or intense, as color, light, etc.  
location: 70

**provocation (noun)** something that incites, instigates, angers, or irritates  
location: 79

**vehemently (adv)** zealous; ardent; impassioned  
location: 95

**articulate (adj)** expressed, formulated, or presented with clarity and effectiveness  
location: 97

**contemptuously (adv)** scornful; disrespectful  
location: 119

**qualms (noun)** an uneasy feeling or pang of conscience as to conduct; compunction  
location: 120

**pensive (adj)** dreamily or wistfully thoughtful  
location: 135

**quarrel (verb)** to disagree angrily; squabble; wrangle  
location: 137

**succinct (adj)** expressed in few words; concise; terse  
location: 151

**scrutiny (noun)** a searching examination or investigation; minute inquiry  
location: 166

**devoid (adj)** not possessing, untouched by, void, or destitute (often followed by *of*)  
location: 172

**tenet (noun)** any opinion, principle, doctrine, dogma, etc., especially one held as true by members of a profession, group, or movement  
location: 177

**wrathfully (adv)** very angry  
location: 185

**tedious (adj)** long and tiresome  
location: 185

**cynical (adj)** distrusting or disparaging the motives of others  
location: 214

**squalid (adj)** foul and repulsive, as from lack of care or cleanliness; neglected and filthy.  
location: 228

**hypocrite (noun)** a person who pretends to have virtues, moral or religious beliefs, principles, etc., that he or she does not actually possess, especially a person whose actions belie stated beliefs  
location: 234

**veneer (noun)** a superficially valuable or pleasing appearance  
location: 240

**recluse (noun)** a person who lives in seclusion or apart from society  
location: 242

**nondescript (adj)** of no recognized, definite, or particular type or kind  
location: 248

**teeming (verb)** to abound or swarm; be prolific or fertile  
location: 256

**staccato (adj)** composed of or characterized by abruptly disconnected elements; disjointed  
location: 263

**turmoil (noun)** a state of great commotion, confusion, or disturbance; tumult; agitation; disquiet  
location: 267

**contradict (verb)** to assert the contrary or opposite of; deny directly and categorically  
location: 24, 269

**connived (verb)** to cooperate secretly; conspire (often followed by a *with*)  
location: 273