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Vocabulary Chapter 8: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Part 1: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues

Read the sentence. Use any clues you find in the sentence, combined with your prior knowledge, and write what YOU THINK the underlined words mean on the lines provided. If you need more clues, look back in the book and read the sentences before and after the sentence containing the vocabulary word.

1. **unfathomable** – p. 63

*“For reasons **unfathomable** to the most experienced prophets in Maycomb County, autumn turned to winter that year.”*

I think it means: _____

2. **quelled** – p. 71

*“Miss Maudie’s tin roof **quelled** the flames.”*

I think it means: _____

3. **feeble** – p. 65

*“When we ran back to the yard, it was covered with a **feeble** layer of soggy snow.”*

I think it means: _____

4. **accosted** – p. 65

*“When we were on the sidewalk in front of Miss Maudie’s, Mr. Avery **accosted** us.”*

I think it means: _____

5. **caricatures** – p. 67

*“You can’t go around making **caricatures** of the neighbors.”*

I think it means: _____

Part 2: Determining the Meaning

You have tried to figure out the meaning of the vocabulary words. Now match the vocabulary words to their correct definitions. If there are any words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by the process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary or thesaurus.

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| ____ 1. unfathomable | a. approached and stopped somebody |
| ____ 2. feeble | b. a drawing or description that is exaggerated |
| ____ 3. accosted | c. physically or mentally weak |
| ____ 4. caricatures | d. impossible to measure or understand |
| ____ 5. quelled | e. to bring something to an end |

Part 3: Finding Synonyms or Antonyms

Now that you know the meaning of each vocabulary word, you need to find either a synonym or antonym for each word. You can use your prior knowledge, a dictionary, or a thesaurus.

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| Word: quelled | Synonym: _____ |
| Word: unfathomable | Synonym: _____ |
| Word: feeble | Antonym: _____ |
| Word: unfathomable | Antonym: _____ |

Part 4: Put it all Together

Use each word in a sentence. Make sure you use the word correctly and that your sentence makes sense and demonstrates your understanding of the meaning!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____