

word (p.o.s.)	definition	synonyms	sentence	related words
melancholy (n or adj)	sober, gloomy, depressive mood	despondent, dismal, mournful, glum	His melancholy during dinner spread to the whole family, and it was not a joyful meal.	
tentative (adj)	not definite; not certain of the action	unsure, uncertain, hesitant, cautious	Initially, he gave a tentative nudge to sleeping teen, but soon threw the covers off and pushed him on the floor to wake him.	tentatively tentativeness
inaudible (adj)	incapable of being heard	muted, faint, muffled	There are special whistles that are inaudible to humans but audible to dogs.	audible, inaudibly
reconnaissance (n)	an examination or survey of a region or situation to gain useful information	surveillance, scan, scrutiny	The boys went on a reconnaissance mission to scope out the situation.	from the French word for recognize
tirade (n)	a prolonged outburst of bitter, outspoken speech	rant, harangue, diatribe	When she saw the stack of dirty dishes, mom went off a tirade about cleanliness.	
undulate (v)	to move with a smooth, wavelike motion	billow, flow, ripple, oscillate	We envied how well the teacher of our belly dance class was able to undulate her hips.	undulation
cultivate (v use w/ object)	to prepare and work on; to promote growth; to develop in some way	raise, grow, tend, encourage, develop	They read a book to the baby every night, hoping to cultivate a love of reading in the infant.	cultivation, cultivated over cultivate
inconsistent (adj)	lacking harmony or regularity, not consistent or in agreement	discrepant, irreconcilable, incompatible	He tells his kids that smoking is bad, but he smokes two packs a day; his actions are inconsistent with his words.	consistent, inconsistency
acquire (v use w/ object)	to gain through actions or efforts; to add to your possessions	win, earn, attain	She hopes to acquire her own car after she works and saves some money.	acquirable ' <i>acquired taste</i> '
contemptuous	expressing disdain	scornful, disdainful, disrespectful,	With a contemptuous stare at the rude man, the elegant lady walked past him.	contempt contemptuously

(adj)				
denunciation (n)	the act of announcing an accusation or crime; open or public condemnation	censure, indictment, reprimand, accusation	The town's denunciation of the mayor finally caused him to resign.	announce, denounce
austere (adj)	severe in manner or appearance; uncompromising; strict; forbidding	somber, stringent, rigid, uncompromising	The austere neighbor made the children feel as if they had misbehaved even when they were innocent.	austerity, austere, austerely, austereness
heredity (n)	transmission of genetic characters from parents to offspring	ancestry, genetics	The prince is next in line to the throne due to heredity rather than ability.	heir, inheritance
pensive (adj)	dreamily or wistfully thoughtful, usually with some sadness	contemplative, preoccupied	The pensive expression on the old man's face told his daughter that he missed his wife.	pensively, pensiveness
resilient (adj) (can be applied to an object or a person)	recovering quickly from illness or hard times; returning to the original form after being pushed/pulled	buoyant, supple, tough, flexible, irrepressible	The resilient young mother found a job and an apartment within days of being thrown out of her parent's house.	resiliently, resilience

Other words and phrases you will see in TKAM this week:

- **caste system** - a social structure in which classes are determined by heredity (or by race, culture, wealth, or popularity)
- **'a Lane cake so loaded with shinny'** (p. 171) - a multi-layered white cake; the batter, frosting & fruit filling contain bourbon
- **run-of-the-mill** - average, ordinary; not special in any way
- **postponement** - to put off, defer, or delay until another time; legal term for changing dates for legal proceedings
- **change of venue** - legal term that means to move a court case from one county or district to another (In ch. 15, the sheriff tells Atticus that a change of venue is pointless due to the fact that the Jim Crow laws and segregationist views will be present anywhere in Alabama.)