

Vocabulary

Chapters Twenty-Four, Twenty-Five, Twenty-Six, and Twenty-Seven

For each, circle the most appropriate definition for the word printed in bold as it is used in the sentence (which was excerpted from the story). Use your dictionary to help you.

1. August was on the **brink** of September.
 - a. The upper edge of a slope
 - b. The margin of land bordering a body of water
 - c. The verge of something

2. They . . . spat out the bark . . . into a **communal** pot.
 - a. Pertaining to a commune
 - b. Belonging to the people of a community; public
 - c. Pertaining to a small group of people who share property and duties

3. The ladies **adjourned** for refreshments.
 - a. To move from one place to another
 - b. To suspend until a later stated time
 - c. To suspend proceedings to another place

4. Ladies in bunches always filled me with vague **apprehension**.
 - a. Uneasy anticipation of the future
 - b. The act of seizing or capturing
 - c. The ability to understand

5. For certainly Mrs. Merriweather was the most **devout** lady in Maycomb.
 - a. Sincere
 - b. Deeply religious
 - c. Displaying reverence

6. You have no **conception** of what we are fighting over there.
 - a. A beginning
 - b. A plan, design, or concept
 - c. The ability to understand mental concepts

7. “We’re paying the highest **tribute** we can pay a man. We trust him to do right.”
 - a. A payment made for protection
 - b. An acknowledgment of respect or admiration
 - c. A tax given by a feudal vassal to his overlord

8. I sometimes feel a **twinge** of remorse
 - a. A sharp, sudden physical pain
 - b. To pinch
 - c. A mental or emotional pain

9. So the **burden** of Current Events was borne by the town children
 - a. To load or overload
 - b. A responsibility or duty
 - c. Something difficult to bear

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For each of the following sentences, decide whether or not the meaning of the word in bold is the same as or different from its usage in the first part of this activity. If it is different, write the letter that corresponds to the correct usage.

1. He walked to the **brink** of the cliff and stopped. _____
2. The children swam in the **communal** pool. _____
3. The meeting was **adjourned** until next week. _____
4. The **apprehension** of the escaped convict was swift. _____
5. The card expressed **devout** wishes for the couple's happy marriage. _____
6. The architect had a **conception** of how the building would look. _____
7. The award was a **tribute** to his great courage. _____
8. The elderly lady got a **twinge** in her shoulder. _____
9. The **burden** of proof was on the prosecution. _____