



# To Kill a Mockingbird Words Related to Prejudice

The words listed below are either close to or opposite in meaning to *prejudice*. First, classify the words into the two columns *Synonyms* and *Antonyms*. Then, using a dictionary, explain how each word's meaning is unique by either writing a short definition or using the word in a phrase or example. Finally, write a sentence about the town of Maycomb and its people using at least three of these words.

<b>animosity</b>	<b>discrimination</b>	<b>pigeonhole</b>
<b>apartheid</b>	<b>esteem</b>	<b>respect</b>
<b>approval</b>	<b>impartiality</b>	<b>sympathy</b>
<b>aversion</b>	<b>justice</b>	<b>tolerance</b>
<b>bias</b>	<b>love</b>	<b>umbrage</b>
<b>contempt</b>	<b>mindset</b>	<b>xenophobia</b>

**SYNONYMS****ANTONYMS****Sentence:**

RL.9-10.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).

## Answer Key

### Suggested Answers

#### SYNONYMS

*animosity: a feeling of hatred or hostility*  
*apartheid: system of segregation in South Africa*  
*aversion: a feeling of repugnance*  
*bias: a tendency toward prejudice*  
*contempt: the act of despising*  
*discrimination: an act of prejudice*  
*mindset: a fixed state of mind*  
*pigeonhole: to classify or restrict*  
*umbrage: a feeling of doubt or resentment*  
*xenophobia: fear or hatred of foreigners*

#### ANTONYMS

*approval: acceptance*  
*esteem: high regard for someone*  
*impartiality: treating people equally*  
*justice: fairness and right action*  
*love: strong affection for someone*  
*respect: good feelings, consideration*  
*sympathy: unity, harmony, accord*  
*tolerance: act of allowing or admitting*

In Maycomb, the animosity and discrimination of the past are slowly giving way to more tolerance and respect.