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by Harper Lee)**

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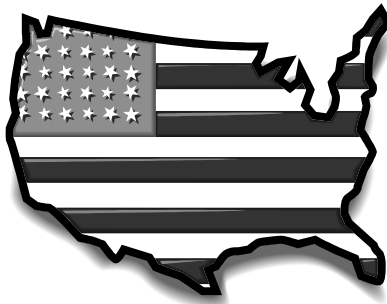
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## Introduction

'To Kill a Mockingbird' was written by Harper Lee. It is a very famous American novel. 'To Kill a Mockingbird' is about a girl called Scout Finch. She lives in America. The novel is set in the 1930s in the U.S.A.



One of the most important themes in 'To Kill a Mockingbird' is racism. In the novel an Afro-American is accused of raping a white lady. It is clear that he is innocent but because he is black he is found guilty.

'To Kill a Mockingbird' is set in a town called Maycomb. It is in the southern states of the U.S.A. During the 1930s racial discrimination was a big problem in the U.S.A. Black people were poor. They were not treated fairly. A lot of white people were racist. In 'To Kill a Mockingbird' all the black people are poor. They are treated badly by most white people. Scout and her family are different. They treated black people with respect.



In the 1930s the law did not help Afro-Americans. Many had to go to prison for crimes they did not do. In 'To Kill a Mockingbird' an innocent black man has to go to prison.

In the USA in the 1930s many black people were murdered by white people.

## Chapter 1

It is 1933. This is a story about a girl called Scout Finch. She lives in a small town called Maycomb. It is in the U.S.A. Scout is six years old. Her brother is called Jem Finch. He is ten years old. Scout



and Jem live with their father. He is called Atticus Finch. He is a lawyer. When Scout was two years old her mother died. Calpurnia is a cook. She is a black lady. Calpurnia also lives with the Finchs.

It is summer. Scout and Jem play with a boy called Dill. He has come to Maycomb for the summer holidays. Dill is staying with his aunt. He is seven years old. Dill always tells Scout and Jem interesting stories. There is a house on the same street as the Finch's. The Radley family live in that house. One member of the Radley family is called Boo. The children are fascinated<sup>1</sup> by him. They have never seen him. All the children are scared<sup>2</sup> of Boo Radley.



Who is Boo Radley? His real name is Arthur Radley. When he was a teenager Boo got involved with a gang<sup>3</sup>. They did bad

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<sup>1</sup> **fascinated** means very interested in something

<sup>2</sup> **scared** when you are frightened

things. The gang was arrested. Boo's family was angry with him. As a result, they do not allow him to go out of his house. Some people say at night Boo walks alone in the streets.



Scout, Jem and Dill think Boo may be crazy. They want to see him. All the time they talk about him. They are frightened of Boo. He lives in an old house. Dill asks Jem if he would dare<sup>4</sup> and touch the Radley's house. He runs to the house and quickly touches it. Boo Radley does not come out.

It is September. Dill has gone home. Scout is going to start school. Today is her first day at school. Scout does not like her teacher. Her teacher is called Miss Fisher. She is not nice. Miss Fisher is always shouting at the students. There is a boy in Scout's class. He is called Walter Cunningham. He is very poor. Miss Fisher does not like him because he is poor. Scout likes Walter. She thinks he is a good boy. Scout tells Miss Fisher that it is not Walter's fault he is poor. Miss Fisher shouts at Scout.



At lunchtime Scout and Walter have a fight. Walter did not want Scout to say anything to Miss Fisher. Jem stops the

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<sup>3</sup> **gang** a group of bad boys

<sup>4</sup> **dare** when you do something that is brave

fight. He tells Scout that she should not fight with students. Jem invites Walter to come to his house for dinner after school. In the afternoon, Miss Fisher shouts at a boy called Burris Ewell. She says he is dirty and smells.

Scout's first day at school was not good. She did not like her



teacher and she had a fight with a student. Scout does not like school. It is boring. She is walking home from school. There is a tree outside the

Radley's house. Scout can see some chewing gum in a hole in the tree. She takes the chewing gum. Scout tells Jem. Later he also goes to the tree. Jem finds some old coins in the hole. Jem and Scout are happy. They do not know who is putting these gifts in the hole in the tree for them. Who could it be?



It is 1934. The school holidays have begun. Dill returns to Maycomb. Scout and Jem are happy to see him. The children continue to talk about Boo Radley. They are still fascinated by him. One day Atticus discovers that his children may be troubling Boo. He is angry. Atticus tells his Scout, Jem and Dill about Boo Radley. He tells them to leave Boo alone.

One of Scout's neighbours called Miss Maudie. She is a very kind and nice lady. Miss Maudie tells Scout about the Radley family. Jem and Dill have a plan. They want to give Boo Radley a note. Dill and Scout will watch and Jem will put the note in the Radley's letterbox. Atticus catches them. He is angry. Atticus tells the children again that they must leave Boo alone.



It is Dill's last evening in Maycomb. Tomorrow he has to return home. Dill and Jem want to see Boo. They decide to go to his house at night. Scout goes along with them. It is very dark. The children are in Boo Radley's garden. It is very quiet. There are no lights on in the house.

Suddenly, they see a shadow in one room. The children are frightened. They run away. As they are climbing over the fence Jem's jeans get caught. He has to take them off. Scout and Dill are laughing because Jem lost his jeans.



Later on when Jem goes to get his jeans they are neatly folded on the fence. Someone had kindly left them so Jem could collect them.

Jem and Scout find more gifts in the tree. They will write a letter to Boo. They want to say thank you for putting the gifts

in the hole in the tree. One day Scout and Jem notice that the hole in the tree has been filled with cement. Boo Radley's brother did this. He told Scout and Jem that he filled the tree with cement because it was ill. He did this because he wanted his brother to stop giving gifts to Scout and Jem.

It is winter. It is snowing. This is the first time Scout has seen



snow. She is very excited. Jem makes a snowman. At

night Scout suddenly wakes up. She can hear a lot of

noise. Miss Maudie's house is on fire. The children go



outside and watch the firemen. It is very cold. Scout does not know but someone puts a blanket around her. Who could have been so kind to do this?

Atticus tells his daughter that it was Boo Radley who put the blanket around her.

Scout and Jem thought that Boo Radley was a crazy man. They thought he was evil but he turned out to be very kind. Jem and Scout have not seen Boo Radley. They do not know what he looks like.

## Chapter 2

Atticus is a lawyer. He tells his children what he is going to do.



Atticus is going to defend<sup>5</sup> a man called Tom Robinson. In Maycomb most white people did not like coloured people. They were racist.<sup>6</sup> Atticus is defending a black man. He



knows that Tom Robinson is innocent but will go to jail because he is black. Atticus wants to help Tom Robinson. He knows most white people will be very angry because he is defending a black man. Some of Atticus's relatives are not happy because he is going to help Tom Robinson.

At school Scout has a fight with a boy because he told her that Atticus is defending a 'nigger'<sup>7</sup>. Her father explains that the word 'nigger' is very bad and she should never say it. Atticus also tells Scout that she should not fight with anyone. It is wrong to fight.

At Christmas Scout and Jem were given rifles. Atticus tells



them they can shoot animals



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<sup>5</sup> **defend** means to help

<sup>6</sup> **racist** when you do not like someone because of the colour of their skin

<sup>7</sup> **nigger** is a very bad word. It is a racist word that describes a black person

but they cannot kill a mockingbird. This is because mockingbirds never hurt anyone. All they do is sing.

In February a mad dog comes near Scout's house. Atticus uses the rifle to kill it. Scout and Jem do not know that their father could use a gun. Atticus can use a gun but does not want to.

Mrs Dubose is an old lady. She lives near Scout and Jem. Every time they walk past her house Mrs Dubose insults<sup>8</sup> Atticus.

Jem is angry. One day he cuts the flowers in her garden. When



Atticus finds out that his son has cut the flowers he is angry. He tells Jem to go and apologise<sup>9</sup> to Mrs

Dubose. For a few weeks he has to go to her house in

the afternoon and read to her. Mrs Dubose is very ill but Jem does not know. One day Atticus tells Jem that the old lady had died.

One Sunday Calpurnia takes Jem and Scout to her church.

They are the only white people at the church. Everyone is talking about Tom Robinson. When they arrive home

Aunt Alexandra is waiting for them. She is Atticus's sister. Aunt Alexandra has come to stay with them for



the summer. She is very angry because Scout and Jem went to

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<sup>8</sup> **insult** when you say bad things about someone

<sup>9</sup> **apologise** when you are sorry



a church for black people. Scout and Jem do not like their aunt. Aunt Alexandra wants Atticus to get rid of Calpurnia. She does not like her because she is black. Aunt Alexandra is racist. Even Atticus does not like her.

One night Scout was in her bed. She thinks there is a snake under her bed. Scout is very frightened. When she looks it is Dill. He has run away from home. Dill's mother has married again and he is not happy. His step father does not love him. Atticus tells Dill that he can stay with them for the summer holidays. Also, his parents allow him to stay with the Finchs.



## Chapter 3

Tom Robinson's case will start in one week. All the people in Maycomb know that Atticus is going to defend a black man.



Tom Robinson is going to be put in the police station.

A group of people come to see Atticus. They tell him that racist white people will go to the police station and may kill Tom Robinson before his trial begins. Atticus tells them not to worry. In the evening he goes to the police station. There are a group of racist men outside the police station. One of them is a man called Walter Cunningham. They want to kill Tom Robinson. When the men see Atticus they go away.

The trial of Tom Robinson begins. He is accused<sup>10</sup> of raping a white lady called Mayella Ewell.



The first person to give evidence is Sheriff<sup>11</sup> Tate. He tells the judge that he was called to the Ewell's house in November. Mr Ewell called him because he said that his daughter had been raped by Tom Robinson.

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<sup>10</sup> **accuse** when someone says you have done something but it has not been proven

<sup>11</sup> **sheriff** a policeman

The next person to give evidence is Bob Ewell. He said that Tom Robinson raped his daughter. Atticus is a lawyer.

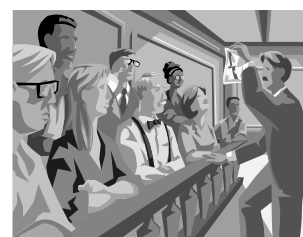


He asks Bob Ewell some questions. Atticus asks Bob Ewell why didn't he call a doctor after his daughter had been attacked. He replied that it was clear that she had been attacked so there was no need in calling a doctor. Bob Ewell also said that his daughter had been punched on the right side of her face. She had a black eye to prove it. Even Sheriff Tate saw this when he came to their house.

Atticus said that the person who attacked Mayella used their right hand to hit her. He then turned to Tom Robinson and asked him to lift his right arm up. He could not do this because when he was young he had an accident. As a result Tom cannot lift his right arm.

Everyone is quiet. If Tom Robinson cannot move his right arm then he could not have attacked Mayella. Tom Robinson told Atticus that he did go to the Ewell's house. He used to help them. Tom said that he always respected Mayella and would never attack her. He felt sorry for her.

Mayella had no friends. She was very poor. Mayella's family did not like her or treat her



well. Atticus tells the jury<sup>12</sup> that the evidence shows Tom Robinson could not have raped or attacked Mayella. She was really attacked by her father.



Mayella Ewell is asked to give evidence. She said that Tom Robinson raped her. He then beat her. Atticus tells Mayella that Tom Robinson could not have punched her because he cannot lift his right arm. Atticus tells Mayella that he thinks her father raped her and beat her. She starts to cry. Atticus says Mayella is blaming an innocent<sup>13</sup> man.

Atticus tells the court that the Ewells are guilty. He says Tom Robinson is innocent. Bob Ewell attacked and raped his daughter. He is blaming an innocent man. Atticus also says that Mayella is not telling the truth.

The jury will spend a few hours making their decision. They have to decide if Tom Robinson is innocent or guilty? Did he rape Mayella? Did he attack her? Are the



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<sup>12</sup> **jury** members of the public who listen to a court case

<sup>13</sup> **innocent** when you have done nothing wrong. Not guilty

Ewells lying<sup>14</sup>?

The jury have made their decision. They say that Tom Robinson is guilty<sup>15</sup>.


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<sup>14</sup> **lie** when you do not tell the truth

<sup>15</sup> **guilty** when you are wrong

## Chapter 4

Everyone is very sad because Tom Robinson is guilty. Atticus tells his children that Tom was not guilty. It is because he is black he is guilty. Atticus tells Scout and Jem about racial discrimination<sup>16</sup>. Many black people in Maycomb are poor. They are treated very badly by white people. If Tom Robinson was white he would not have been guilty.

The next day many people send gifts to Atticus. They respect  him because he is a good lawyer. He defended Tom Robinson in a very good way. The black community<sup>17</sup> are also very happy because Atticus is white and he defended an innocent black man. He is the best lawyer in Maycomb but even Atticus could not help Tom Robinson.

Scout and Jem are very sad. They know that Tom Robinson is innocent. He could not have attacked Mayella. Now Tom Robinson is going to jail for a crime he did not commit. Racism is a big problem in Maycomb. It is like a disease. Black people do not have any power in Maycomb. There are no black

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<sup>16</sup> **racial discrimination** this happened in the USA in the 1930s. It is when you hate someone because of their colour.

<sup>17</sup> **community** is a group of people

policemen. There are no black lawyers. The black community is poor.

All of Maycomb is talking about the trial of Tom Robinson. It is in the local newspaper. Jem and Scout go and see Miss Maudie. She tells them that Atticus tried his best. Some other white people wanted to help Tom Robinson but he was the victim of racial discrimination. Miss Maudie is also sad because an innocent man is going to jail.

A lot of white people in Maycomb are happy because Tom Robinson has to go to jail. They are racist. Bob Ewell sees Atticus in the street. He spits in his face. Also Bob Ewell says he will get revenge. When Scout and Jem hear that their father has been insulted and threatened they are angry. Atticus tells them not to be angry. He says Bob Ewell will not do anything.

In the evening Aunt Alexandra shouts at Scout. This is because Scout wants to invite Walter Cunningham to her house for dinner. He is in her class at school. Walter's family is poor. Aunt Alexandra does not like poor people. She is a



snob<sup>18</sup>. Aunt Alexandra will not allow Walter Cunningham to come to their house. Scout is upset<sup>19</sup>. She goes to her bedroom. Jem comes to see her. He tells Scout not to be sad. Jem says that Aunt Alexandra is a snob.

The next day something tragic<sup>20</sup> happens. Atticus comes home. He is very sad. Atticus tells his family that Tom Robinson is dead. He tried to escape from jail and was shot by a policeman. Even Aunt Alexandra is very upset when she finds out that Tom is dead. Atticus has to go and tell Tom Robinson's family that he is dead.



In the autumn Dill comes to Maycomb. Scout tells him what happened to Tom Robinson. Dill did not know that Tom Robinson was dead. He is very sad. Scout tells Dill about the day she went with Atticus to Tom Robinson's house. His wife is called Helen. She fell to the ground when she found out that her husband was dead. Helen has got small children. Her husband is dead and she has no money. Atticus felt very sorry for Helen.

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<sup>18</sup> **snob** is a horrible person who looks down on poor people

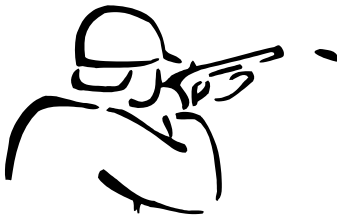
<sup>19</sup> **upset** when you are sad

<sup>20</sup> **tragic** something that is very sad





In the local newspaper there is an article<sup>21</sup> about the death of Tom Robinson. Some people say he did not try and escape from jail. A policeman may have shot Tom Robinson. One journalist<sup>22</sup> wrote that it was wrong to kill him. To kill an innocent man is like shooting a mockingbird.



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<sup>21</sup> **article** a piece of information

<sup>22</sup> **journalist** someone who writes for a newspaper

## Chapter 5

Helen Robinson is now a widow<sup>23</sup>. She gets a job. On her way to work Bob Ewell threatens her. He swears at Helen. She cannot tell the police because she is black. Bob Ewell is white. The police do not protect black people in Maycomb. Helen is very sad. She is also worried. A good white man finds out that Bob Ewell is threatening Helen. He warns Bob Ewell to leave her alone.

Bob Ewell is a very bad man. He is racist. Bob Ewell gets a job but is lazy<sup>24</sup>. He does not work for long because the boss tells him to leave. One night someone's house is broken into. Some people saw Bob Ewell running away from the house.

It is autumn. Halloween night is on the 31<sup>st</sup> October every year. There is going to be a big Halloween party in Maycomb. Scout is going to dress up as a tree trunk. She has to wear a big costume. Scout likes her costume.



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<sup>23</sup> **widow** when your husband has died. **Widower** is when your wife has died.

<sup>24</sup> **lazy** when you do not work

After the party Scout falls asleep in her costume.



When she wakes up everyone has gone home. Jem finds

Scout. They walk home together. It is dark. Suddenly

they can hear someone walking behind them. Scout cannot run

because she is still in her costume. They are frightened. They

know someone is following them. Scout and Jem cannot see

anything. They are alone. They are scared. What will happen?

Scout and Jem are attacked. Jem's arm is broken. Someone is

trying to kill them. The person has got a knife. Scout and Jem

may be killed. Suddenly someone comes to help them. Someone

carries Jem to his house. The person who saved their lives

disappears. The doctor and Sheriff come.

When Atticus comes home the Sheriff tells him that Bob  
Ewell is dead. He has a knife in his heart.



Scout tells the Sheriff what happened. They were walking  
home. She was wearing her costume. Scout tells the Sheriff  
that she could not see anything. She said someone helped them.

A man saved their lives. Scout did not know who the man was

because she had never seen him before. The Sheriff



points to a man who is standing behind Scout. Scout

turns around. It is the man who saved her life. Scout

has never seen this man before. Atticus says,

"This is Boo Radley. He saved your life."

For the first time Scout can see Boo Radley.

The Sheriff tells Atticus that Bob Ewell wanted to kill Jem and Scout. When Boo Radley pushed him he fell down. Bob Ewell fell down onto his own knife.

Boo goes to say goodnight to Jem. He is asleep. Scout walks Boo Radley to his house. When he goes inside she thinks about what has happened. This is the Boo Radley who they used to talk about. This is the man who secretly gave them gifts. This is the kind man who put the blanket on Scout on the night of the fire. And this is the man who saved her and Jem's life. Scout goes home. Atticus is reading a book in Jem's room. He reads to Scout. She falls asleep and Atticus puts her to bed.



## Exercises for Chapter 1

It is the 1930s. Maycomb is in the USA. Scout is a six years old. She lives with her brother, Jem. Their father is called Atticus. Scout and Jem spend the summer with a boy called Dill. The children are fascinated by a man call Boo Radley. Scout starts school. She does not like her teacher.

Someone is putting gifts in a tree for Scout and Jem. Miss Maudie's house sets on fire. Boo Radley puts a blanket around her. Scout and Jem still do not know what Boo Radley looks like.

- If the sentence is true write **true**
- If the sentence is false write **false**

**Example:** Jem is a girl. **False**

1. Scout is 6 years old.
2. Atticus is a lawyer.
3. When Scout was 3 years old her mother died.
4. Calpurnia is a teacher.
5. Dill tells Scout and Jem interesting stories.
6. The children are fascinated by Boo Radley.
7. The children have never seen Boo Radley.

8. Scout really likes school.
9. Miss Fisher is very nice.
10. Scout finds some chewing gum in a tree.
11. Jem finds a mobile phone in the tree.
12. Jem and Scout want to write a letter to Boo.
13. Jem has never seen snow.
14. Scout makes a snowman.
15. Miss Fisher's house is on fire.
16. Boo Bradley puts a blanket around Scout.

## Who's who in the story?

In Chapter One so many characters<sup>25</sup> are introduced. Do you know who is who?

1. What is the name of Scout's brother?
2. What is the name of Scout's father?
3. What is Scout's surname?
4. What is the name of the cook who lives with Scout's family?
5. What is the name of the boy who comes to stay with his aunt?
6. What is the name of the man who the children are fascinated by?
7. What is Scout's teacher called?
8. What is the name of the boy who has a fight with Scout?
9. What is the name of the boy who Miss Fisher says is dirty and poor?
10. What is the name of the lady whose house sets on fire?

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<sup>25</sup> **character** people in a story

**Answer these questions in full sentences**

**Example:** Where is Maycomb?

Maycomb is in the U.S.A.

1. What year does the story take place?
2. How old is Scout?
3. What job does Atticus do?
4. What happened to Scout's mother?
5. How old is Dill?
6. What is Dill always telling Scout and Jem?
7. Who are the children fascinated by?
8. What is Scout's teacher called?
9. Does Scout like school?
10. Why does Miss Fisher not like Walter Cunningham?
11. What does Scout find in the tree outside the Radley's house?
12. What does Jem find in the tree?
13. When the children go to Boo's house what do they see in the window?
14. Why does Boo Radley's brother fill the tree with cement?
15. Whose house is on fire?
16. Who puts a blanket around Scout?
17. Do Scout and Jem know what Boo looks like?



## Extra questions

1. Can you remember your first day at school?
2. Did you like the first day at school?

## Exercises for Chapter 2

Atticus is a lawyer. He tells his children that he is going to defend a black man called Tom Robinson. In Maycomb, most white people are racist. Scout and Jem are given rifles for Christmas. Atticus tells them not to shoot mockingbirds because all they do is sing. Aunt Alexandra comes to stay with them. Dill runs away from home because he does not like his step-father.

- If the sentence is true write **true**
- If the sentence is false write **false**

**Example:** Atticus is a lawyer. **True**

1. Atticus is going to defend Tom Robinson.
2. Tom Robinson is a white man.
3. Most white people in Maycomb do not like black people.
4. Atticus says it is wrong to fight.
5. At Christmas Scout gets a computer.
6. Atticus tells his children not to shoot mockingbirds.
7. In February Atticus shoots 7 mockingbirds.
8. Jem cuts the flowers in Mrs Dubose's garden.
9. Aunt Alexandra comes to stay for the summer.

10. Aunt Alex is not racist.
11. Scout thinks there is a snake under her bed.
12. Dill can stay with the Finchs for the summer holiday.

**Answer these questions in full sentences**

**Example:** What does Atticus do?

Atticus is a lawyer.

1. Who is Atticus going to defend?
2. Why does Atticus think Tom Robinson will go to jail?
3. Why are most white people in Maycomb angry with Atticus?
4. Why does Atticus tell his children not to shoot mockingbirds?
5. Why is Jem angry with Mrs. Dubose?
6. Where does Calpurnia take Scout and Jem?
7. What are the people talking about in church?
8. Who is Aunt Alexandra?
9. Why is Aunt Alexandra angry?
10. What does Aunt Alexandra want to do to with Calpurnia?
11. Do Scout and Jem like Aunt Alexandra?
12. Is Aunt Alexandra racist?
13. Who is hiding under Scout's bed?
14. Why has Dill run away from home?
15. Can Dill stay with the Finch's for the summer holidays?

### Exercises for Chapter 3

The trial of Tom Robinson begins. Bob Ewell says that Tom Robinson raped his daughter, Mayella. She was punched on the right side of her face. Atticus shows the court that Tom Robinson cannot lift his right arm. This means he is innocent. However, Mayella also says that Tom Robinson raped her. Atticus tells the jury Tom Robinson is innocent. The jury makes their decision. Tom Robinson is found to be guilty.

- If the sentence is true write **true**
- If the sentence is false write **false**

**Example:** Tom Robinson is put in the police station. **True**

1. Walter Cunningham wants to kill Tom Robinson.
2. Tom Robinson is accused of raping a white woman.
3. The first person to give evidence is Scout.
4. The Sheriff told the judge he went to Bob Ewell's house in November.
5. Bob Ewell told the judge that Tom Robinson raped his daughter.
6. Mayella had been punched on the right side of her face.

7. Tom Robinson cannot lift his right arm because it is damaged.
8. Mayella said that Tom Robinson did not rape her.
9. Atticus tells Mayella that she is blaming an innocent man.
10. The jury spends six weeks making a decision.
11. Tom Robinson is guilty.

**Answer these questions in full sentences**

**Example:** When does Tom Robinson's trial begin?

Tom Robinson's trial begins in a week.

1. Who is put in the police station?
2. What may a group of white men do to Tom Robinson if they go to the police station?
3. What is Tom Robinson accused of?
4. Who is the first person to give evidence?
5. What does the Sheriff tell the judge?
6. Where did Bob Ewell say Tom Robinson punched Mayella?
7. Can Tom Robinson move his right arm?
8. Has Mayella got any friends?
9. How did Mayella's family treat her?
10. Who really attacked Mayella?
11. What did Mayella say about Tom Robinson?
12. What does Atticus tell the court?
13. What decision does the jury make about Tom Robinson?

## Extra questions

1. Do you think Tom Robinson was guilty?
2. Do you think Tom Robinson was innocent?
3. Why do you think Tom Robinson was found guilty by the jury?



## Exercises for Chapter 4

Atticus tells Jem and Scout about racial discrimination. Racism is like a disease in Maycomb. Tom Robinson is going to jail. He is the victim of racial discrimination. Tom Robinson is killed when he is shot in jail by a policeman.

- If the sentence is true write **true**
- If the sentence is false write **false**

**Example:** Atticus tells his children about racial discrimination. **True**

1. If Tom Robinson was white he would not have been guilty.
2. Many black people in Maycomb are rich.
3. Many people respect Atticus because he defended Tom Robinson.
4. Atticus is the best lawyer in Maycomb.
5. Scout and Jem are very happy.
6. Racism is a big problem in Maycomb.
7. There are a lot of black policemen in Maycomb.
8. Tom Robinson was a victim of racial discrimination.
9. Bob Ewell gives Atticus a gift.



10. Aunt Alexandra makes Scout laugh.
11. Aunt Alexandra is a snob.
12. Tom Robinson is shot dead by a policeman.
13. Tom's wife is called Julie.
14. To kill an innocent man is like shooting a mockingbird.

**Answer these questions in full sentences**

**Example:** Who is the best lawyer in Maycomb?

Atticus is the best lawyer in Maycomb.

1. What does Atticus tell Scout and Jem about?
2. If Tom Robinson was white what would have happened?
3. Why do people respect Atticus?
4. Why are the black community happy with Atticus?
5. What is a big problem in Maycomb?
6. How many black lawyers are there in Maycomb?
7. What does Miss Maudie say Tom Robinson was a victim of?
8. Why is Miss Maudie sad?
9. What does Bob Ewell do when he sees Atticus in the street?
10. What is Bob Ewell going to do?
11. Who does Scout want to invite for dinner?
12. Who is a snob?
13. What happens to Tom Robinson?
14. What is Tom Robinson's wife called?
15. What did one journalist say about the killing of Tom Robinson?

## Exercises for Chapter 5

Helen gets a got. Bob Ewell threatens her. He is racist. Bob Ewell has to leave his job. He tries to break into someone's house. There is a Halloween party. Scout will wear a costume. She will be a tree. Scout falls asleep. Jem and Scout walk home alone. Someone is walking behind them. It is dark. They are attacked. Boo Radley saves Jem and Scout's life.

- If the sentence is true write **true**
- If the sentence is false write **false**

**Example:** Miss Maudie is now a widow. **False**

1. Bob Ewell threatens Atticus.
2. Bob Ewell is racist.
3. Atticus is lazy.
4. Halloween is on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.
5. Scout will dress up like a flower.
6. Scout falls asleep in her costume.
7. Jem and Scout get a taxi to take them home.
8. Scout and Jem can hear someone walking behind them.
9. Scout and Jem are attacked.
10. Scout's arm is broken.

11. Bob Ewell is dead.
12. Boo Radley saved Scout's and Jem's lives.
13. Scout walks Boo Radley to his house.

**Answer these questions in full sentences**

**Example:** Who threatens Helen Robinson?

Bob Ewell threatens Helen Robinson.

1. Do the police protect black people in Maycomb?
2. What is Bob Ewell like?
3. When is Halloween night?
4. What is Scout going to dress up as?
5. What do Scout and Jem hear when they are walking home?
6. Why cannot Scout run?
7. Who is attacked?
8. What happens to Bob Ewell?
9. Who saved Scout's life?

## Extra questions

1. Did you enjoy the story 'To Kill A Mockingbird'?
2. Do you know what racial discrimination is?
3. In the story who suffered from racial discrimination?
4. How do you think Scout has changed in the story?
5. Did you learn anything about the U.S.A in the 1930s?
6. Do you think 'To Kill a Mockingbird' is a sad or happy story?

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