


The Big Idea!

You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view”—Harper Lee

Harper Lee was an American novelist best known for her 1960 novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In this story, a lawyer named Atticus Finch hopelessly strives to prove the innocence and be the voice of of a black man accused of a terrible crime.

Discuss: What do you think the quotation from Lee means? Write your answer below:

Empathy



Paragraph Style Models

A year ago. A month ago. A day ago. Today.

A year ago, the beach was hidden from the world. A month ago, a boat arrived and people found this oasis of beauty. A day ago, more people arrived. Today, I discovered what had happened to my sanctuary.

Close, closer, closest.

Close to me was a light. It was flickering gently in the breeze. Closer still were the sounds of people, laughing and chatting. Closest to me was the person I loved most in the world.

Near, far, near, far.

I could hear my friend's breathing behind me. The enemy was on the outskirts of the city, getting closer to us by the minute. My friend's eyes showed fear and terror. The footsteps of the soldiers echoed as they entered the city looking for us.

| Setting | Hot | | Cold | | Good Weather | | Bad Weather | | | | | |
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| | Torrid, sweltering, sweaty, blistering, feverish, roasting, balmy, tropical, flaming, searing | | Frosty, raw, numbing, polar, Arctic, biting, glacial | | Radiant sunshine, glorious, sunlit, glowing, picturesque, salubrious, fresh, crisp | | Overcast, torrential rain, squally showers, , monsoon, wild, downpour, lashing rain, blustering wind, drizzle, howling wind, dewy, soggy, forked lightning | | | | | |
| Sensory Language | Smell and Taste | | Touch | | Sound | | Negative Personality Traits | | | | | |
| | Pleasant Smells Appetizing, aromatic, delicious, delicate, fresh, flowery, fragrant, earthy, spicy, subtle, tantalizing, tangy, mature, syrupy | | Smooth Textures Airy, buttery, creamy, glazed, glassy, polished, even, glossy, oily, plush, velveteen, satin, silken, waxy | | Noises Blast, blurt, billow, bellow, bark, boom, burst, blare, clank, clink, clang, clash, clap, crow, chink, chime, creak, click, crackle, chug, crack, caw, drone, fizz, gush, gurgle, grind, gasp, growl, hiss, hammer, roar, rip, screech, squeal, sizzle, scream, scratch, swish, slice, spatter, tap, thud, thump, thwack, whine, wall, whisper, wheeze, yelp | | Untrustworthy Dishonest, deceitful, treacherous, traitorous, unfaithful, duplicitous, dishonourable, disloyal, unprincipled, unscrupulous, corrupt, underhand; unreliable, undependable, capricious, fickle, Machiavellian | | Cold Inhospitable, unwelcoming, unsympathetic, forbidding, stony, haughty, supercilious, disdainful, aloof, distant, remote, indifferent, reserved, withdrawn, uncommunicative, unresponsive, unfeeling, unemotional, dispassionate, passionless, wooden, impersonal, formal, stiff, austere | | Nasty Aggressive, brutal, savage, inhumane, barbaric, barbarous, brutish, bloodthirsty, vicious, ferocious, fiendish, devilish, diabolical, abominable, monstrous, atrocious, vile, hideous, ghastly, spiteful, callous, sadistic, ruthless, merciless, pitiless, unsparing, remorseless, uncaring, uncharitable, severe, harsh, stern, inclement, flinty, draconian, dastardly | |
| | Unpleasant Smells Acid, acrid, antiseptic, bitter, briny, burnt, chemical, cloying, coppery, curious, damp, foul, fetid medicinal, metallic, musty, musky, noxious, odious, oily, putrid, pungent, pungent, peppery, rancid, rank, sickly, sharp, sour, sulphurous, stale, stench, reek, odour | | Rough Textures Brittle, coarse, crisp, crumbly, crunchy, , fibrous, gnarled, grooved, grainy, hooked, jagged, knotted, leathery, lumpy, matted, meaty, rusty, pleated, porous, pulpy, rugged, rumpled, sloppy, stringy, spongy, spiked, spurred, sodden, saturated, thorny, tangled | | Describing Sounds Acute, blatant, clear, clanging, disjointed, discordant, deafening, echoing, eerie, faint, gruff, guttural, harsh, hollow, hoarse, intermittent, jarring, metallic, muffled, piercing, reverberating, shrill, silvery | | | | | | | |
| | Sight | | | | | | Positive Personality Traits | | | | | |
| | Bright Luminous, gleaming, iridescent, vivid, blazing, beaming, glaring, dazzling | | Dark Discoloured, opaque, dismal, sombre, drab, dreary, bleak, unilluminated, leaden, ominous | | Shape Arch, bow, bend, barrel, bulbous, curve, cube, creased, concave, domed, fork, globe, hoop, horizontal, hollow, loop, orb, oval, pleated, ridge, ruffled, rifted, spiral, sphere, shield, tubular, vertical, wedge, web | | Trustworthy Authentic, candid, reliable, supportive, dependable, virtuous, honourable, ethical, incorruptible | | Determined Accountable, tenacious, ambitious, responsible, committed, assertive, focussed, consistent, dedicated, disciplined | | Nice Genial, congenial, gracious, affable, compassionate, charismatic, empathetic, dynamic, generous, enthusiastic, innovative, inquiring, optimistic, nurturing, charming, amiable, personable | |
| | Clear Crystalline, transparent, translucent, unblemished, diaphanous, clarion | | Obscured Murky, gloomy, speckled, mottled, flickering, indefinite, indistinct, hazy, foggy, concealed, nebulous | | | | | | | | | |
| | Speech | | Movement | | Size | | Positive Emotions | | Negative Emotions | | | |
| Said Accused, chimed, explained, maintained, ranted, speculated, acknowledged, choked, marvelled, mentioned, reasoned, sputtered, admitted, advised, squeaked, slurred, murmured, announced, remarked, coaxed, gossiped, greeted, conceded, grunted, replied, guessed, taunted, uttered, bleated, cried, boasted, dared, inquired | | Walked Coiled, ducked, gambolled, grimaced, recoiled, reclined, squatted, stooped, scrunched, squirmed, writhed, wriggled, wilted, crumpled, dove, twisted, danced, slunk, stumbled, traipsed, rotated, pivoted, pirouetted, lunged, slumped, strolled, sauntered, ambled, trudged, prowled, wandered | | Small Compact, elfin, emaciated, gaunt, meagre, miniature, miniscule, microscopic, narrow, paltry, puny, scrawny, teeny, teensy, skeletal Large Beefy, brawny, chunky, corpulent, colossal, epic, enormous, expansive, fleshy, gargantuan, hefty, hulking, immense, immeasurable, massive, mammoth, obese, portly, oversize, stocky, stout, strapping, towering, whopping, vast | | Happy Delighted, ecstatic, content, enraptured, enchanted, overjoyed, awed, merry, joyful, jovial, jolly, jocular, gleeful, carefree, untroubled, delighted, buoyant, beatific, thrilled, exuberant, elated, exhilarated, blissful, euphoric, exultant vindicated, victorious, satisfied, gratified, comfortable, serene, placid, untroubled | | Sad Distraught, grief-stricken, uneasy, anxious, sorrowful, dejected, regretful, depressed, downcast, despondent, despairing, disconsolate, desolate, wretched, doleful, melancholy, mournful, woeful, woebegone, forlorn, crestfallen, inconsolable Unfulfilled Exhausted, incompetent, incomplete, incapable, disheartened | | | | |
| Colour | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Black | | Grey | | Brown | | Red | | Orange | | Yellow | | |
| Raven, coal, midnight, onyx, obsidian, ink, ebony, charcoal | | Graphite, smoke, slate, pewter, flint, lead, pebble | | Hickory, coffee, mahogany, tawny, cedar, walnut | | Merlot, berry, crimson, blush, ruby, garnet, scarlet | | Amber, cider, marmalade, bronze, rust, ginger, apricot, ochre, peach | | Dandelion, honey, corn, flaxen, mustard, lemon, canary | | |
| Green | | Blue | | Purple | | White | | | | | | |
| Shamrock, sea foam, chartreuse, pickle, mint, pistachio | | Cobalt, azure, peacock, indigo, cerulean, sapphire | | Heather, lavender, amethyst | | Ivory, porcelain, powder, cotton, pearl, alabaster | | | | | | |