

Understanding the Passage Vocabulary Study

When 21st Century readers encounter a pre-19th Century text, they sometimes find themselves in "foreign" territory, even when the selection is written in English. Look at the list of vocabulary words from the *Tom Jones* passage, consider their context, and provide a synonym to help you understand the meaning of the word. You should NOT use a dictionary for this exercise since you will not be afforded one during the AP test.

Caution: you may think you know some of these words today, but their meanings may have changed drastically

Paragraph	Vocabulary	Brief Context	In "English," please...
One	clothes	"opening the clothes"	The sheets and blankets on the bed.
	wretch		
	ascendant		
	looking glass		
	apoplexy		
Two	shirt		
	undressed		
	swooned		
	Without [the door]		
Three	acquainted		
	consternation		
	warrant		
	hussy		
	Bridewell	"see her committed to B ridewell"	Perhaps a prison or halfway house
	misbegotten		
	wretches		
	churchwarden		
	discharged		
Four	strokes		
	attended		
	outpleaded		
	pap		
Five	discernment		
	scruples		
	peremptory		