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**A**

**acres (p.125)** – a unit for measuring area, equal to 4047 square meters

**adjudicated (p.124)** – to settle judicially

**affectionate (p.125)** – loving

**anchored (p.120)** – to act or serve as an anchor for something

**anguish (p.123)** – extreme pain, distress, or anxiety

**apprehensive (p.125)** – feeling or showing fear about the future

**assured (p.124)** – to inform positively

**Auburn University (p.119)** – Auburn University is a state university in Alabama

**B**

**barred (p.116)** – forbidden or excluded

**black eyed peas (p.118)** – ‘Schwarzaugenbohne’

**bruises (p.121)** – black and blue mark under the skin

**C**

**capital murder (p.120)** – murder which is punishable by death (first-degree murder, aggravated murder)

**cautiously (p.118)** – carefully or slowly

**chambers (p.124)** – bedroom

**collard greens (p.123)** – ‘Grünkohl’

**compassionate (P:125)** – having tender feelings

**concerned (p.122)** – worried

**contempt (p.117)** – a strong feeling of disliking and having no respect for someone or something

**county (p.116)** – apolitical subdivision of a state

**courthouse (p.116)** – a building housing judicial court

**D**

**death penalty (p.115)** – punishment of death by execution

**death row (p.115)** – the part of a prison for housing inmates who have received the death penalty

**delinquencies (p.117)** – a failure to do what law or duty requires or an offense or misdemeanour

**deputy (p.120)** – a second in command

**docket (p.116)** – a brief written summary of a document

**doomed (p.126)** – certain to fail, die, or be destroyed

**E**

**endearing (p.125)** – lovable or charming

**exerting (p.124)** – to use something such as authority, power, influence, etc. in order to make something happen

**F**

**feverishly (p.118)** – in an unnaturally excited or active way marked by intense emotion, activity, or instability

**file (p.116)** – any of several different types of containers used to store papers, letters, and other documents in an ordered way

**forthcoming (p.122)** – produced, supplied, or given

**frantically (p.118)** – in a nervously hurried, desperate, or panic-stricken way

**futilely (p.118)** – unsuccessfully

**G**

**general equivalency degree (p.126)** – alternative to the American high school diploma

**grieving (p.125)** – feeling very sad because someone has died

**grunt (p.126)** – to make a low, rough noise

**H**

**hesitate (p.121)** – to hold back in doubt

**hovered (p.119)** – to stand somewhere, especially near another person, eagerly

**I**

**incarcerated (p.125)** – being put or kept someone in prison

**incident report (p.116)** – written document describing inadvertent trauma to a patient, errors or omissions in care, or untoward events happening to staff or visitors.

**J**

**jerked (p.119)** – to move with or as if with a quick suddenly arrested motion

**juvenile facility (p.124)** – a type of prison where young people can be kept

**juveniles (p.115)** – young person

**L**

**law enforcement officer (p.120)** – a government employee appointed to enforce the law, such as a police officer or sheriff

**M**

**maintenance (p.121)** – the process of keeping or continuing something

**mental health (p.125)** – the condition of someone's mind and whether or not they are suffering from any mental illness

**misconduct (p.117)** – deliberate wrongdoing

**moaning (p.120)** – making a low prolonged sound of pain or of grief

**musings (p.123)** – meditation or reflection

**P**

**parole (p.116)** – parole is the early supervised release of a person from prison.

**per capita (p.115)** – if you express an amount per capita, you mean that amount for each person

**peril (p.116)** – great danger, or something that is very dangerous

**persistent (p.125)** – lasting for a long time or difficult to get rid of

**pinched (p.121)** – to squeeze or compress painfully

**pinochle (p.118)** – a card game

**plight (p.125)** – an unfortunate, difficult, or precarious situation

**prosecutor (p.120)** – a legal official who accuses someone of committing a crime

**R**

**raped (p.124)** – to force someone to have sex when they are unwilling, using violence or threatening behaviour

**receiver (p.119)** – the part of a telephone contained in the earpiece

**reeking (p.117)** – smell strongly and unpleasantly, stink

**remarkable (p.125)** – something that is worthy of attention or striking

**revive (p.118)** – to return to consciousness or life

**ruling (p.116)** – court decision on a case or any legal question

**S**

**sexually aroused (p.124)** – sexually excited

**shoving (p.119)** – to push someone or something forcefully

**sobbing (p.123)** – crying heavily while trying to catch one’s breath

**somber (p.120)** – serious, sad, and without humour

**squeezed (p.119)** – to press something firmly

**subdue (p.121)** – to bring under control

**suicide (p.125)** – the act of killing yourself intentionally

**Supreme Court (p.116)** – a supreme court is the highest court in its jurisdiction in U.S. government

**surge (p.118)** – to rise suddenly to an excessive or abnormal value

**T**

**tire (p.124)** – to exhaust or greatly decrease the physical strength

**tormented (p.124)** – experiencing or characterized by severe physical or mental suffering

**trembling (p.118)** – to shake involuntarily (as with fear or cold)

**tried as an adult (p.120)** – a situation in which a juvenile is proceeded legally in an adult court instead of juvenile court

**turmoil (p.119)** – a state or condition of extreme confusion, agitation, or commotion

**U**

**unconscious (p.117)** – the state of not being awake and not aware of things around you

**Y**

**yielded (p.123)** – to supply or produce something positive

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1. The annotations (page numbers) are based on the following edition of the book: Stevenson, Bryan. 2020. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. London: Scribe Publications. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)