

Vocabulary	Definition	Word root
Alabama	One of the southern states of the USA	From Native American words “Alba” meaning vegetation and “Amo”
chifferobe	A large piece of wooden furniture with drawers and space for hanging clothes.	From “chiffe” – piece of cloth.
Civil rights	The rights of citizens to freedom and equality.	From the Latin “civis” meaning citizen – an inhabitant.
The Deep South	A geographical area in the south of the USA, including the states of Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana.	Used historically to describe the southern states of cotton plantations
jury	A body of people, usually twelve, who swear to honestly give a verdict on a legal case on the basis of evidence given in court.	From the Latin “jurare” meaning to swear.
lawyer	A person who practises, studies or works with the law.	–yer meaning job has to do with, in this case law.
legislature	A group with the authority to make laws for a country, state or county.	From the Latin “legis” meaning law.
lynch	When a group of people kill someone, usually by hanging, for an alleged offence but without a legal trial.	Named after Captain William Lynch.
mockingbird	A song bird noted for its mimicry of the calls and songs of other birds.	From “mock” – to imitate speech and “bird”.
prejudice	Treating another person because of preconceived opinion created BEFORE knowing them.	From “pre” meaning before and “judge”
race	A group of people sharing the same history, culture, language etc.	From the French “race” meaning people of common descent.
racism	Prejudice directed against someone of a different race, based on the belief that your own race is superior.	-ist / -ism meaning concerned with something, in this case race.
rape	Sexual assault – to force someone to have sex with you.	From the French “rapir” – to seize.
recluse	A person who lives a solitary life and avoids others	From “re” – again and “claudere” – to enclose
state	A geographical and political area of the USA which has its own government even though it also follows the USA’s laws.	From the Latin “status” meaning existence.
trial	A formal examination of evidence by a judge and sometimes jury in order to decide guilt of criminal behaviour.	From the word “try” meaning to sit in judgement of.