***Of Mice and Men* Vocabulary:**

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| **Word** | **Pronunciation** | **Definition** | **Sample Sentence** | **Synonyms** | **Antonyms** |
| Aloof | uh LOOF | indifferent | The woman remained aloofduring the party, separating herself from everyone else. |  |  |
| mollify | MOL eh fie | to soothe | The woman promised to buy candy in order to mollify her screaming child. |  |  |
| morose | muh ROSE | being sullen or gloomy | He was very morose after his wife left him. |  |  |
| ominous | OM uh nus | threatening  | The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado. |  |  |
| pugnacious | Pug NAY shus | looking for a fight, combative, belligerent | There are many pugnacious punks at the high school that bully other students. |  |  |
| relish | REL ish  | to take great pleasure or delight in  | I relish the thought of graduating from high school and getting out on my own  |  |  |
| Reprehensible | Rep reh HEN suh bul | deserving blame or reprimand | Some think that kissing on the first date is reprehensible conduct.  |  |  |
| Revere | Reh VERE  | to honor, to regard with respect | Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope. |  |  |
| slough | SLUF | to cast off | He sloughs off criticism like water off a duck’s back. |  |  |
| stilted | STIL ted  | artificially formal, stiff, pompous | The demeanor of English royalty seems stilted to many Americans. |  |  |