

To Kill a Mockingbird Vocabulary
Chapter 1 - Vocabulary

assuaged (vb.): to assuage is to lessen or to calm. Therefore, if Jem's fears about being able to play football were assuaged, it means that he no longer feared that he wouldn't be able to play the sport.

dictum (n.): in this case, a formal statement of principle

human chattels (n.): slaves

impotent (adj.): powerless. Simon's fury and anger regarding the Civil War would
ambled: (vb.): to walk at a slow, leisurely pace.

taciturn (adj.): almost always silent. Apparently, Aunt Alexandra's husband was a very quiet man.

Alleged: declared but not proven

Imprudent: not prudent or wise

ambled: (vb.): to walk at a slow, leisurely pace.

tyrannical: unjustly cruel, harsh, or severe; arbitrary or oppressive; despotic:

eccentric: irregular; odd; unconventional; whimsical; bizarre; not concentric