

# *Vocabulary From Literature*

## *Animal Farm*

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## Chapter I-III

### Activity I

#### Matching Definitions

**Directions:** Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and change any of your answers that are incorrect. Keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete than those given here; you must choose the definition that best fits the word as used in the text.

lurched (25)  
propulsion (51)  
faculty (50)

scullery (25)  
windfalls (52)  
paddock (27)

cockerels (47)  
expelled (39)

tyranny (30)  
whelped (51)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ room for washing dishes
2. \_\_\_\_\_ given birth to
3. \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed field
4. \_\_\_\_\_ staggered
5. \_\_\_\_\_ motion; driving forward
6. \_\_\_\_\_ mental ability
7. \_\_\_\_\_ rule by absolute power
8. \_\_\_\_\_ fruit blown onto the ground
9. \_\_\_\_\_ young roosters
10. \_\_\_\_\_ forced out of power

gambolled (40)  
resolutions (48)  
plaited (27)

mincing (27)  
lowing (43)  
weaned (51)

indefatigable (49)  
rations (29)

trotter (31)  
knoll (40)

11. \_\_\_\_\_ tireless; persistent
12. \_\_\_\_\_ formal statements of decisions
13. \_\_\_\_\_ daily food allowance
14. \_\_\_\_\_ mooing
15. \_\_\_\_\_ walking primly with little steps
16. \_\_\_\_\_ a small hill
17. \_\_\_\_\_ skipped playfully
18. \_\_\_\_\_ braided; interwoven
19. \_\_\_\_\_ a pig's foot
20. \_\_\_\_\_ stopped nursing

## Chapters IV-V

### Activity I

#### Matching Definitions

**Directions:** Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and change any of your answers that are incorrect. Keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete than those given here; you must choose the definition that best fits the word as used in the text.

factions (65)  
tractable (56)

din (56)  
biding (63)

marshal (69)  
publican (62)

ratified (62)  
cunning (71)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ loud harsh noises
2. \_\_\_\_\_ slyness; cleverness
3. \_\_\_\_\_ approved; confirmed
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a bar or saloon owner
5. \_\_\_\_\_ contentious, quarrelsome groups
6. \_\_\_\_\_ bring together; organize
7. \_\_\_\_\_ docile; easily controlled
8. \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for

articulate (69)  
posthumously (60)  
tactics (72)

disinterred (70)  
unintelligible (64)  
skirmishing (57)

flourished (55)  
vengeance (58)

mingle (54)  
manifestly (62)

9. \_\_\_\_\_ removed from a grave
10. \_\_\_\_\_ recognized clearly
11. \_\_\_\_\_ occurring after death
12. \_\_\_\_\_ not able to be understood
13. \_\_\_\_\_ methods for achieving a goal
14. \_\_\_\_\_ minor fighting in a war
15. \_\_\_\_\_ punishment given in return for an injury
16. \_\_\_\_\_ thrived; prospered
17. \_\_\_\_\_ to associate with; mix with a group
18. \_\_\_\_\_ able to speak clearly and effectively

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**Chapters VI-VIII**

**Activity I**

**Matching Definitions**

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prospect (94)  
gilded (95)  
cryptic (81)

impending (105)  
bestowed (111)

tumult (92)  
sallied (106)

imposing (81)  
arable (75)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ fit for growing crops
2. \_\_\_\_\_ impressive in size
3. \_\_\_\_\_ extensive view
4. \_\_\_\_\_ golden in appearance
5. \_\_\_\_\_ commotion; uproar
6. \_\_\_\_\_ hidden; ambiguous
7. \_\_\_\_\_ set out; departed
8. \_\_\_\_\_ occurring soon
9. \_\_\_\_\_ given as a gift

hitherto (85)  
categorically (91)  
machinations (103)

absented (73)  
pensioner (105)

privy (103)  
emboldened (85)

countenances (92)  
frequenter (88)

10. \_\_\_\_\_ filled with courage
11. \_\_\_\_\_ facial expressions
12. \_\_\_\_\_ with absolute certainty
13. \_\_\_\_\_ up until now
14. \_\_\_\_\_ kept oneself away
15. \_\_\_\_\_ visiting often
16. \_\_\_\_\_ schemes to achieve evil
17. \_\_\_\_\_ sharing in secrets
18. \_\_\_\_\_ one who receives a retirement benefit

## Chapters IX-X

### Activity I

#### Matching Definitions

**Directions:** Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and change any of your answers that are incorrect. Keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete than those given here; you must choose the definition that best fits the word as used in the text.

enquiry (135)            stricken (134)            interment (126)            dispelled (135)  
superannuated (115)    deputation (134)            *bon mot* (136)            subsisted (136)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ burial
2. \_\_\_\_\_ clever saying
3. \_\_\_\_\_ suddenly affected by
4. \_\_\_\_\_ close examination; questioning
5. \_\_\_\_\_ driven away; removed from one's mind
6. \_\_\_\_\_ allowed to retire because of age
7. \_\_\_\_\_ maintained life
8. \_\_\_\_\_ delegation; a group representing others

proprietors (135)            eminent (134)            incumbent (135)            racked (129)  
suppressed (137)            licence (British) (135)

9. \_\_\_\_\_ strained intensely
10. \_\_\_\_\_ of high rank; distinguished
11. \_\_\_\_\_ undue freedom
12. \_\_\_\_\_ necessary because of duty or obligation
13. \_\_\_\_\_ legal owners of a business
14. \_\_\_\_\_ ended or subdued by force

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**Activity II**

**Writing Definitions and Synonyms from Context Clues**

**Directions:** The following passages from the text have one or more highlighted words. For each highlighted word, write a synonym in the space provided. You may use a dictionary or thesaurus to help you. Be sure to write a synonym that best matches the meaning of the word in the context of the sentence.

1. Only old Benjamin was much the same as ever, except for being a little greyer about the muzzle, and, since Boxer's death, more **morose** and **taciturn** than ever. (Pg. 127)
  - A. Synonym for **morose**: \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Synonym for **taciturn**: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. They accepted everything that they were told about the Rebellion and the principles of Animalism, especially from Clover, for whom they had an almost **filial** respect... (Pg. 128)
  - A. Definition for **filial**: \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. But the luxuries of which Snowball had once taught the animals to dream, the stalls with electric light and hot and cold water, and the three-day week, were no longer talked about. Napoleon had **denounced** such ideas as contrary to the spirit of Animalism. The truest happiness, he said, lay in working hard and living **frugally**. (Pg. 128 – 129)
  - A. Synonym for **denounced**: \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Synonym for **frugally**: \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. There was nothing with which they could compare their present lives: they had nothing to go upon except Squealer's lists of figures, which invariably demonstrated that everything was getting better and better. The animals found the problem **insoluble**; in any case, they had little time for **speculating** on such things now. (Pgs. 129 – 130)
  - A. Definition for **insoluble**: \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Synonym for **speculating**: \_\_\_\_\_