

## Animal Farm Chapter 8

### Word Detective

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**1. Meddle:** Clover asked Benjamin to read her the Sixth Commandment, and when Benjamin, as usual, said that he refused to **meddle** in such matters, she fetched Muriel.

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_



**2. Violated** But they saw now that the Commandment had not been **violated**; for clearly there was good reason for killing the traitors who had leagued themselves with Snowball.

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Retinue:** Napoleon himself was not seen in public as often as once in a fortnight. When he did appear, he was attended not only by his **retinue** of dogs but by a black cockerel

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Inhabited:** Even in the farmhouse, it was said, Napoleon **inhabited** separate apartments from the others

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Skulking:** Snowball was known to be still **skulking** on Pinchfield Farm.

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Impending:** As the summer wore on, and the windmill neared completion, the rumours of an **impending** treacherous attack grew stronger and stronger.

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Contemplated:** One Sunday morning Napoleon appeared in the barn and explained that he had never at any time **contemplated** selling the pile of timber to Frederick; he considered it beneath his dignity, he said, to have dealings with **scoundrels** of that description.

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_

8. **Scoundrels:** One Sunday morning Napoleon appeared in the barn and explained that he had never at any time contemplated selling the pile of timber to Frederick; he considered it beneath his dignity, he said, to have dealings with **scoundrels** of that description.

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Forgeries:** The news of what had happened sped round the farm like wildfire. The banknotes were **forgeries**!

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_

10. **Wistful:** **Wistful** glances were sent in the direction of Fox wood. If Pilkington and his men would help them, the day might yet be won.

It was nearly nine o'clock when Squealer made his appearance, walking slowly and

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech \_\_\_\_\_

11. **Dejectedly:** It was nearly nine o'clock when Squealer made his appearance, walking slowly and **dejectedly**, his eyes dull, his tail hanging limply behind him, and with every appearance of being seriously ill.

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning \_\_\_\_\_

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Synonyms/meaning Meddle, interfere, butt in, intrude, pry, stick your nose in  
u \_\_\_\_\_

Part of speech Verb



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Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning broke, breached, disobeyed, go against, defy

Part of speech Verb

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Your guess Group, Pack

Synonyms/meaning Entourage, followers, attendants

Part of speech Noun

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Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning Lived in, occupied, settled, colonized,

Part of speech Verb

**5. Skulking:** Snowball was known to be still **skulking** on Pinchfield Farm.

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning Lying in wait, lurking, creeping, prowling, and waiting to attack

Part of speech Verb

6. **Impending:** As the summer wore on, and the windmill neared completion, the rumours of an **impending** treacherous attack grew stronger and stronger.

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning **Looming, imminent, coming soon, approaching, just around the corner, at hand, forthcoming**

Part of speech **Adjective**

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Synonyms/meaning **Considered, thought about, reflected, pondered, made plans to**

Part of speech **Verb**



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Synonyms/meaning **Crook, rogue, villain, rascal**

Part of speech **Noun**

9. **Forgeries:** The news of what had happened sped round the farm like wildfire. The banknotes were **forgeries**!

Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning **Fake, phony, counterfeit, imitation, falsification, copy, fraud**

Part of speech **Noun**

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Synonyms/meaning **Pensive, thoughtful, melancholy, reflective, contemplative, regretful**

Part of speech **Adjective**

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Your guess \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms/meaning **Miserably, dismally, sadly, unhappily, disconsolately, gloomily, dolefully**

Part of speech **Adjective**