

Animal Farm Chapter 2

Word Detective

Part 1

First read the sentence and try to figure out the meaning in context. Then use your thesaurus to find the meaning and synonyms

1. **Pre-eminent:** **Pre-eminent** among the pigs were two young boars named Snowball and Napoleon, whom Mr. Jones was breeding up for sale.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____



2. **Vivacious:** Snowball was a more **vivacious** pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

3. **Nimble:** All the other male pigs on the farm were porkers. The best known among them was a small fat pig named Squealer, with very round cheeks, twinkling eyes, **nimble** movements, and a shrill voice.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

4. **Elaborated:** These three (pigs) had **elaborated** old Major's teachings into a complete system of thought, to which they gave the name of Animalism.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____



5. **Apathy:** At the beginning they met with much stupidity and **apathy**. Some of the animals talked of the duty of loyalty to Mr. Jones, whom they referred to as 'Master,' or made elementary remarks such as 'Mr. Jones feeds us.'

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

6. **maltreating**: They had never seen animals behave like this before, and this sudden uprising of creatures whom they were used to thrashing and **maltreating** just as they chose, frightened them almost out of their wits.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

7. **Reproached** Molly had taken a piece of blue ribbon from Mrs. Jones's dressing-table, and was holding it against her shoulder and admiring herself in the glass in a very foolish manner. The others **reproached** her sharply, and they went outside.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

Part 2

Homework: Choose five of these words and write sentences using context to let us know that you understand the meaning of the word.

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Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Greatest, Supreme, the best, most famous, finest, paramount

Part of speech Adjective



2. **Vivacious:** Snowball was a more **vivacious** pig than Napoleon, quicker in speech and more inventive, but was not considered to have the same depth of character.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Lively, bubbly, cheerful, effervescent, spirited, energetic

Full of life

Part of speech Adjective

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Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Lively, agile, coordinated, graceful, dexterous, lissome

Part of speech Adjective

4. **Elaborated:** These three (pigs) had **elaborated** old Major's teachings into a complete system of thought, to which they gave the name of Animalism.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Enlarge, expand, explain, give more details, Say more

Part of speech Verb



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Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Indifference, lack of concern, lethargy, laziness, lack of concern,

Part of speech Noun

6. **Maltreating**: They had never seen animals behave like this before, and this sudden uprising of creatures whom they were used to thrashing and **maltreating** just as they chose, frightened them almost out of their wits.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Mistreat, hurt, harm, injure, abuse

Part of speech Verb

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Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Criticize, reprimand, accuse, scold, rebuke, admonish

Part of speech Verb