

Animal Farm Chapter 3

Word Detective

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

1. **Implements:** Sometimes the work was hard; the implements had been designed for human beings and not for animals, and it was a great drawback that no animal was able to use any tool that involved standing on his hind legs.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

2. **Parasitical:** With the worthless **parasitical** human beings gone, there was more for everyone to eat.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

3. **Grudging:** Every mouthful of food was an acute positive pleasure, now that it was truly their own food, produced by themselves and for themselves, not doled out to them by a **grudging** master.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

4. **Shirked:** Nobody **shirked** (in their work or responsibility) or almost nobody. Mollie, it was true, was not good at getting up in the mornings, and had a way of leaving work early on the ground that there was a stone in her hoof.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

5. **Obstinate:** Old Benjamin, the donkey, seemed quite unchanged since the Rebellion. He did his work in the same slow **obstinate** way as he had done it in Jones's time, never shirking and never volunteering for extra work either.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____



6. **Propulsion** The birds at first objected, since it seemed to them that they also had two legs, but Snowball proved to them that this was not so. 'A bird's wing, comrades,' he said, 'is an organ of **propulsion** and not of manipulation.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

7. **Cryptic**: When asked why he worked so slowly, Benjamin responded, "None of you has ever seen a dead donkey," and the others had to be content with this **cryptic** answer.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

8. **Indefatigable**: Snowball also busied himself with organizing the other animals into what he called Animal Committees. He was indefatigable at this.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

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Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Tools, utensils, equipment, gear

Part of speech Noun

2. **Parasitical:** With the worthless parasitical human beings gone, there was more for everyone to eat.

Your guess freeloading, sponging, scrounging, bloodsucking, using

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech Adjective

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Your guess reluctant, unwilling, complaining, resentful, vengeful

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Synonyms/meaning Evade, avoid, dodge, duck, shun

Part of speech Verb

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Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Stubborn, determined, pig headed, inflexible



Part of speech Adjective

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Your guess Force, forward motion, momentum, thrust, driving force

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech Noun

7. **Cryptic**: When asked why he worked so slowly, Benjamin responded, "None of you has ever seen a dead donkey," and the others had to be content with this **cryptic** answer.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning mysterious, puzzling, enigmatic, hidden, secret, obscure

Part of speech Adjective

8. **Indefatigable**: Snowball also busied himself with organizing the other animals into what he called Animal Committees. He was indefatigable at this.

Your guess untiring, unrelenting, tireless, persistent

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech Adjective

