

Animal Farm Chapter 4

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. **Tractable:** Bulls which had always been tractable suddenly turned savage, sheep broke down hedges and devoured the clover, cows kicked the pail over, hunters refused their fences and shot their riders on to the other side.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

2. **Shrewd:** Pinchfield was smaller and better kept. Its owner was a Mr. Frederick, a tough, shrewd man, **perpetually** involved in lawsuits and with a name for driving a hard bargain.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

3. **Contemptible:** They could not understand, they said, how even animals could bring themselves to sing such **contemptible** rubbish.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

4. **Irrepressible:** Any animal caught singing it was given a flogging on the spot. And yet the song was **irrepressible**.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

5. **Impromptu:** An **impromptu** celebration of the victory was held immediately. The flag was run up and 'Beasts of England' was sung a number of times, then the sheep who had been killed was given a solemn funeral

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____



6. **Unanimously:** The animals decided **unanimously** to create a military decoration, 'Animal Hero, First Class,' which was conferred there and then on Snowball and Boxer.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

7. **Posthumously:** There was also 'Animal Hero, Second Class,' which was conferred posthumously on the dead sheep.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____



8. **Ignominious** And so within five minutes of their invasion they were in ignominious retreat by the same way as they had come, with a flock of geese hissing after them and pecking at their calves all the way.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

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Your guess Obedient, well-mannered, polite, Submissive

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech Adjective

2. **Shrewd:** Pinchfield was smaller and better kept. Its owner was a Mr. Frederick, a tough, **shrewd** man, perpetually involved in lawsuits and with a name for driving a hard bargain.

Your guess Astute, sharp, perceptive, clever, cunning, insightful, intelligent

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech Adjective

3. **Contemptible:** They could not understand, they said, how even animals could bring themselves to sing such **contemptible** rubbish.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Disgraceful, shameful, despicable, loathsome, distasteful

Part of speech Adjective



4. **Irrepressible:** Any animal caught singing it was given a flogging on the spot. And yet the song was **irrepressible**.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning unmanageable, uncontainable, disorderly, unstoppable, relentless

Part of speech Adjective

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Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Unprepared, unrehearsed, unplanned, spontaneous, improvised

Part of speech Adjective

6. **Unanimously:** The animals decided **unanimously** to create a military decoration, 'Animal Hero, First Class,' which was conferred there and then on Snowball and Boxer.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning undisputedly, indisputably 100%, all-agreed, undividedly

Part of speech Adverb

7. **Posthumously:** There was also 'Animal Hero, Second Class,' which was conferred posthumously on the dead sheep.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning after death, post mortem, after someone has died

Part of speech Adverb



8. **Ignominious** And so within five minutes of their invasion they were in ignominious retreat by the same way as they had come, with a flock of geese hissing after them and pecking at their calves all the way.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Humiliating, embarrassing, shameful, disgraceful, dishonorable

Part of speech Adjective