

Animal Farm Chapter 1

Word Detective

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Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____



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Synonyms/meaning _____

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3. **Laborious**: 'Now, comrades, what is the nature of this life of ours? Let us face it: our lives are miserable, **laborious**, and short.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

4. **Hideous**: those of us who are capable of it are forced to work to the last atom of our strength; and the very instant that our usefulness has come to an end we are slaughtered with **hideous** cruelty.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning _____

Part of speech _____

5. **Abundance**: The soil of England is fertile, its climate is good, it is capable of affording food in **abundance** to an enormously greater number of animals than now inhabit it.

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Your guess Tubby, Chubby, Plump, Heavy, Hefty, Portly, A little overweight

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Part of speech Adjective



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Synonyms/meaning Kind, Generous, compassionate, benign, giving

Part of speech Adjective

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Synonyms/meaning Backbreaking, Difficult, arduous, exhausting

Part of speech Adjective

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Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Ugly, repulsive, revolting, gruesome, dreadful

Part of speech Adjective

5. **Abundance:** The soil of England is fertile, its climate is good, it is capable of affording food in **abundance** to an enormously greater number of animals than now inhabit it.

Your guess _____

Synonyms/meaning Plenty, loads, large quantity, a lot, profusion, a wealth of

Part of speech Noun