

"Animal Farm," Vocabulary from Chapters 1-2



20 words

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As you read George Orwell's 1945 allegorical novella, learn these word lists: [Ch's 1-2](#), [Ch's 3-4](#), [Ch's 5-6](#), [Ch's 7-8](#), and [Ch's 9-10](#).

1. stout

1.

euphemisms for `fat`

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*He was twelve years old and had lately grown rather **stout**, but he was still a majestic-looking pig, with a wise and benevolent appearance in spite of the fact that his tusches had never been cut.*

2. perch



to come to rest, settle

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The hens **perched** themselves on the window-sills, the pigeons fluttered up to the rafters, the sheep and cows lay down behind the pigs and began to chew the cud.*

3. tremendous



extraordinarily large in size or extent or amount or power or degree

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*A white stripe down his nose gave him a somewhat stupid appearance, and in fact he was not of first-rate intelligence, but he was universally respected for his steadiness of character and **tremendous** powers of work.*

4. tread



crush as if by treading on

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The two horses had just lain down when a brood of ducklings, which had lost their mother, filed into the barn, cheeping feebly and wandering from side to side to find some place where they would not be **trodden** on.*

5. miserable



very unhappy; full of misery

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Let us face it: our lives are **miserable**, laborious, and short.*

6. rebellion



organized opposition to authority; a conflict in which one faction tries to wrest control from another

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*That is my message to you, comrades: **Rebellion!***

7. prosperity



the condition of prospering; having good fortune

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Never listen when they tell you that Man and the animals have a common interest, that the **prosperity** of the one is the **prosperity** of the others.*

8. clever



mentally quick and resourceful

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*Weak or strong, **clever** or simple, we are all brothers.*

9. vanish



cease to exist

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*It was a dream of the earth as it will be when Man has **vanished**.*

10. hoarse



deep and harsh sounding as if from shouting or illness or emotion

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*I am old and my voice is **hoarse**, but when I have taught you the tune, you can sing it better for yourselves.*

11. vivacious



vigorous and animated

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*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.*

12. fling



throw with force or recklessness

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*With one accord, though nothing of the kind had been planned beforehand, they **flung** themselves upon their tormentors.*

13. **rubbish**



worthless material that is to be disposed of

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The reins, the halters, the blinkers, the degrading nosebags, were thrown on to the **rubbish** fire which was burning in the yard.*

14. **gambol**



play boisterously

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*In the ecstasy of that thought they **gambolled** round and round, they hurled themselves into the air in great leaps of excitement.*

15. **unbelievable**



beyond belief or understanding

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*They tiptoed from room to room, afraid to speak above a whisper and gazing with a kind of awe at the **unbelievable** luxury, at the beds with their feather mattresses, the looking-glasses, the horsehair sofa, the Brussels carpet, the lithograph of Queen Victoria over the drawing-room mantelpiece.*

16. **unalterable**



not capable of being changed or altered

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*These Seven Commandments would now be inscribed on the wall; they would form an **unalterable** law by which all the animals on Animal Farm must live for ever after.*

17. **twinkling**



shining intermittently with a sparkling light

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The best known among them was a small fat pig named Squealer, with very round cheeks, **twinkling** eyes, nimble movements, and a shrill voice.*

18. **nimble**



moving quickly and lightly

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

*The best known among them was a small fat pig named Squealer, with very round cheeks, twinkling eyes, **nimble** movements, and a shrill voice.*

19. **elementary**



of or being the essential or basic part

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

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. If he were gone, we should starve to death."

20. **comrade**



used as a term of address for those male persons engaged in the same movement

EXAMPLE SENTENCE:

"**Comrades**, you have heard already about the strange dream that I had last night."
