

Animal Farm, Chapter 4: Vocabulary

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- 1) **Pigeons:** A common type of bird, sometimes used to send messages.
- 2) **Mingle:** Socialize; mix in with others.
- 3) **Taproom:** Bar
- 4) **Wondering:** Asking himself.
- 5) **Adjoined:** Next to
- 6) **Easy-going:** Relaxed
- 7) **Shrewd:** Smart; clever; astute.
- 8) **Lawsuits:** A claim or dispute in a court of law.
- 9) **Bargain:** An agreement, or deal, between two or more people.
- 10) **Scorn:** The belief that something is worthless or despicable; contempt; disdain.
- 11) **Fortnight:** Two weeks.
- 12) **“They put it about”:** They told people.

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- 1) **Wickedness:** Evil; morally wrong.
- 2) **Tractable:** Governable; easy to control.
- 3) **“Hunters”:** Horses used for fox-hunting and jumping.
- 4) **Astonishing:** Amazing; surprising.
- 5) **Rage:** Intense anger.
- 6) **Rubbish:** Trash; garbage.
- 7) **Flogging:** Whipping; being hit with a whip or stick.
- 8) **Din:** Loud noise.
- 9) **Smithies:** Metal worker’s (blacksmith’s) workshop.

- 10) **Doom:** Death; destruction; a terrible fate.
- 11) **Thresh:** To separate the grain from the plant.
- 12) **Dozen:** Twelve

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- 1) **“To and Fro”:** Back and forth.
- 2) **Peck:** To hit, poke or bite with a beak.
- 3) **Skirmish:** Irregular small-scale fighting.
- 4) **Launch:** To send or set in motion.
- 5) **Hobnailed boots:** Boots with the soles reinforced with heavy nails.
- 6) **Charge:** Rush forward in attack.
- 7) **Pellets:** Small bullets.
- 8) **Streaks:** Stripes; long, thin lines.
- 9) **Halting:** Pausing or stopping temporarily.
- 10) **Blow:** Powerful knock; powerful hit; powerful stroke.
- 11) **Gored:** Pierce or stab with a horn or tusk.

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- 1) **Ignominious:** Humiliating; Shameful.
- 2) **Calves:** The lower part of the legs.
- 3) **Manger:** A long open box for horses or cows to eat from .
- 4) **Stunned:** So shocked that one is temporarily unable to react.
- 5) **Exploits:** Bold or daring acts.
- 6) **Impromptu:** Improvised; done without planning or organization.

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1) Cowshed: A farm building in which cattle (cows) are kept for milking or when they are not at pasture.

2) Ambush: A surprise attack by people lying in wait in a hidden position; a trap.