

Animal Farm, Chapter 2: Vocabulary

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1. **Cleverest:** The most intelligent.
2. **Vivacious:** Lively.
3. **Nimble:** Agile.
4. **Shrill:** High-pitched and unpleasant; piercing.
5. **Expounded:** To explain in detail.

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1. **Badge:** An emblem or mark; A sign that shows your condition.
2. **Clover:** A plant that animals love to eat.
3. **Hedges:** A fence or boundary formed by bushes.
4. **Faithful:** Loyal.
5. **Unfailing:** Reliable and constant.
6. **Disheartened:** Depressed; without determination and confidence.
7. **Lawsuit:** A dispute brought to a court of law.

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1. **Idle:** lazy; avoiding work.
2. **Weeds:** Wild plants growing where they are not wanted.
3. **Underfed:** Not given enough food.
4. **Store-shed:** The place where grains, or other foods, are kept.
5. **Bins:** Containers.

6. **Tormentors:** Torturers.
7. **Thrashing:** Hitting with a whip.
8. **Pursuing:** Chasing; running behind.
9. **Slammed:** Closed forcefully and loudly.

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1. **Gallop:** When a horse runs fast.
2. **Boundaries:** The limits of an area.
3. **Reign:** The period during which someone rules.
4. **Flung:** Threw.
5. **Rubbish:** Garbage.
6. **Biscuits:** Cookies or crackers.
7. **Pasture:** A piece of land covered with grass that animals can eat.
8. **Knoll:** A small hill.
9. **Dew:** Tiny drops of water that form during the night.
10. **Spinney:** A small area of trees and bushes.

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1. **Gazing:** Looking intently in admiration.
2. **Mattresses:** What most of us sleep on.
3. **Looking-glasses:** Mirrors.
4. **Mantelpiece:** A structure above a fireplace.
5. **Burial:** The action of putting a dead body in a grave.

6. **Harvest:** The process, or period, of collecting crops (what has been grown).
7. **Knuckles:** The joints in fingers, especially where the finger joins the hand.

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1. **Rungs:** Horizontal supports on a ladder, for a person's foot.
2. **Tarred:** Covered with a thick black oil.
3. **Yards:** A yard is a measurement of distance. It is slightly shorter than a meter.
4. **Udders:** The mammary glands of female cows, from which calves drink milk.
5. **Bursting:** So full that they are about to break open and spill.

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1. **Frothing:** Foamy and bubbling.
2. **Trooped:** Walked at a steady pace, in large numbers.