

“Animal Farm” Vocabulary: Chapter 1

Please read through the vocabulary for each page before reading the page in the book. This will make it easier for you to understand the book. Don't worry if you don't understand every word in the book; what is important is to try to understand the story in general.

Chapter 1, Page 1:

1. **Pop-holes:** Little doors for hens to go in and out of hen-houses.
2. **Lurch:** To move in an abrupt and uncontrolled way.
3. **Scullery:** A small kitchen or room at the back of a house.
4. **Fluttering:** Flapping wings quickly and lightly.
5. **Boar:** A male pig, or a wild pig.
6. **Barn:** A large farm building used for storing grain, hay, or straw.
7. **Ensconced:** Established, or settled, in a comfortable place.
8. **Stout:** Fat and heavy.
9. **Tushes:** Tusks. Long, pointed teeth, like those of elephants.
10. **Mare:** Female horse.
11. **Foal:** Baby horse

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1. **Orchard:** A piece of land planted with fruit trees.

2. **Grazing:** Eating grass in a field.
3. **Brood:** A family of young animals.
4. **Feebly:** Weakly; without strength or force.
5. **Trodden on:** Stepped on.
6. **Nestled down:** snuggled, lay comfortably inside or against something.
7. **Trap:** A light, two-wheeled carriage.
8. **Daintily:** In a delicate and lovely way.
9. **Tame:** Domesticated.
10. **Raven:** A crow; a large, black bird that feeds on dead animals.

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1. **Slaughtered:** Killed in a cruel or violent way.
2. **Hideous:** Ugly or extremely unpleasant.
3. **Leisure:** Free time for enjoyment
4. **Slavery:** The condition of being owned by someone else, and being forced to work for them without pay.
5. **Soil:** The earth in which plants grow.
6. **Plough:** A large farming tool that digs the soil so that seeds can be planted.
7. **Starving:** Dying of hunger.
8. **Dung:** The excrement of animals; manure. Used to make soil more fertile.

9. Breeding: The mating, production and raising of baby animals.

10. Calves: Baby cows.

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1. Bore: Gave birth to.

2. Stall: An individual compartment for an animal in a barn.

3. Span (= lifespan): The amount of time that one lives.

4. Grumble: to complain.

5. The block: The surface where animals are killed and cut into pieces.

6. Remainder: What is left.

7. Resolution: A firm decision to do something, with purpose and determination.

8. Falter: To hesitate; to start to lose strength and momentum.

9. Astray: Away from the correct path or direction.

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1. Uproar: A loud, public expression of anger.

2. Hindquarters: Back legs.

3. Swift dash: A quick run.

4. Trotter: A pig's foot.

5. Dissentients: Those who vote against something and oppose the majority.

6. **Resemble:** To look like.
7. **Trade:** To buy, sell, or exchange.
8. **Clever:** Smart; intelligent.
9. **Vanished:** Disappeared.

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1. **Stirring:** Moving; causing strong emotion.
2. **Bit and spur:** Tools used to control horses by causing them pain and discomfort.
3. **Whip:** A strip of leather or cord used to hit animals or people.
4. **“Wheat and barley, oats and hay, Clover, beans, and mangel-wurzels”:** Foods for animals.

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1. **Toil:** Work.
2. **Hearken:** Listen.
3. **Tidings:** Message; news; information.
4. **Lowed, Whined, Bleated, Whinnied, quacked:** Animal sounds.
5. **Awoke:** Woke up.
6. **Sprang:** Jumped up quickly.
7. **Seized:** Took quickly; grabbed.

8. Pellets: Bullets.

9. Fled: Ran away.