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Animal Farm

by George Orwell

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**Chapter I-III**

**Activity I**

**Matching Definitions**

*Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in a dictionary and change any of your answers that are incorrect. Keep in mind that dictionary definitions are more complete than those given here; you must choose the definition that best fits the word as used in the text.***

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Word</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<td>lurched</td>
<td>staggered</td>
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<td>propulsion</td>
<td>motion; driving forward</td>
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<tr>
<td>faculty</td>
<td>mental ability</td>
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<td>scullery</td>
<td>room for washing dishes</td>
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<td>windfalls</td>
<td>fruit blown onto the ground</td>
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<td>cockerels</td>
<td>young roosters</td>
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<td>expelled</td>
<td>forced out of power</td>
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<td>paddock</td>
<td>enclosed field</td>
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<td>tyrannical</td>
<td>rule by absolute power</td>
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<tr>
<td>gambolled</td>
<td>tireless; persistent</td>
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<td>resolutions</td>
<td>formal statements of decisions</td>
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<tr>
<td>plaited</td>
<td>braided; interwoven</td>
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<td>mincing</td>
<td>walking primly with little steps</td>
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<td>lowing</td>
<td>mooing</td>
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<td>rations</td>
<td>a pig's foot</td>
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<td>weaned</td>
<td>stopped nursing</td>
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<td>indefatigable</td>
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Activity IV
Completing Sentences

Directions: Look at the way each highlighted vocabulary word is used in the passages below. Then, based on your understanding of the word’s meaning, complete the sentences that follow. You may use a dictionary or thesaurus to help with the meaning.

Example:

Excerpt containing vocabulary word:

But of all their controversies, none was so bitter as the one that took place over the windmill. (Pg. 63)

Sentence starter containing vocabulary word:

In even the closest families, controversies often arise over _________________.

Completed sentence:

In even the closest families, controversies often arise over the number of birthday presents each child receives.

1. At the Meetings Snowball often won over the majority by his brilliant speeches, but Napoleon was better at canvassing support for himself in between times. (Pg. 63)

The environmental activists went door-to-door canvassing for _________________.

2. It was lucky that the owners of the two farms which adjoined Animal Farm were on permanently bad terms. (Pg. 54)

Before the renovation, the soccer fields at our school adjoined the _________________.

3. That evening Squealer explained privately to the other animals that Napoleon had never in reality been opposed to the windmill. On the contrary, it was he who had advocated it in the beginning… (Pg. 71)

Instead of giving detention, the school principal advocated punishing students by ____________.
### Activity V

#### Roots and Prefixes

**Chapters IV and V**

### Part I

**Directions:** Fill in the following chart with information about prefixes, vocabulary words, and definitions. Use a dictionary to look up any prefixes or definitions you do not know.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Word</th>
<th>Prefix</th>
<th>Meaning of Prefix</th>
<th>Definition of Word</th>
<th>Synonym</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1. progress</td>
<td>____</td>
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<td>2. decline</td>
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<td>3. transparent</td>
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### Part II

**Directions:** You have already seen that the prefix “in/im” can mean “not.” It can also mean “in” or “inside.” Its opposite, “e” or “ex,” means “out of, outside.” Each of the following words begins with “in/im” “e,” or “ex.” Define each one. Then, replace the word’s prefix with its opposite to make a new word (in a few cases, the part of speech may be different). Finally, define the new word. Use a dictionary if you need help. The first one is done for you.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Word</th>
<th>Definition</th>
<th>Replace Prefix With</th>
<th>Opposite Word</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. evolve</td>
<td>grow out of</td>
<td>in</td>
<td>involve</td>
<td>include</td>
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<td>2. expend</td>
<td>__________</td>
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<td>3. evasion</td>
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<td>4. impression</td>
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<td>5. implode</td>
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Chapters IX-X

Activity I

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1. _______________ burial
2. _______________ clever saying
3. _______________ suddenly affected by
4. _______________ close examination; questioning
5. _______________ driven away; removed from one’s mind
6. _______________ allowed to retire because of age
7. _______________ maintained life
8. _______________ delegation; a group representing others

9. _______________ strained intensely
10. _______________ of high rank; distinguished
11. _______________ undue freedom
12. _______________ necessary because of duty or obligation
13. _______________ legal owners of a business
14. _______________ ended or subdued by force