

Animal Farm, Chapter 2

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Name: _____

accord

noun

1. balanced interrelationship; proper proportion; harmony.
In accord with tradition, the bride wore white.
2. an agreement between or among nations.
One country refused to sign the peace accord.

apathy

noun

1. absence of desire or emotion.
She had hoped for some loving response from her father, but he showed only apathy toward her.
She was overcome by apathy while on this medication, and she spent hours every day just staring at the wall.
2. lack of interest in things that generally arouse interest or concern; indifference.
Many people didn't vote in the election due to apathy.
The teacher was disappointed to see only apathy in the eyes of many of the students.

caper¹

intransitive verb

to leap, hop, or skip about in a playful manner; frolic; gambol.

derived forms: caperingly (adv.), caperer (n.)

contrary

adjective

totally different; opposite.
You and I hold contrary views.
The two boys headed off in contrary directions.

derived forms: contrarily (adv.), contrariness (n.)

elaborate

adjective

planned or carried out with great care and attention to numerous parts or details.
He developed an elaborate plan for his escape.

transitive verb

to develop with attention to the minute details of.
The architects elaborated the design for the new library.

derived forms: elaborative (adj.), elaborately (adv.), elaborateness (n.), elaborator (n.)

expound

intransitive verb

to discuss or explain in detail (usually followed by on or upon).
This statement is not clear; perhaps you could expound on it.

derived forms: expounder (n.)

gambol

intransitive verb

to run, leap, or skip about; frisk; frolic.
The children gamboled on the lawn.

principle

noun

1. a law, doctrine, or assumption on which action or behavior is based.
Are these laws based on the principles of liberty and justice for all citizens?
2. (plural) a personal code of behavior or morality.
They are ruthless and have no principles.

reign

noun

1. rule by a monarch.
2. complete and pervasive dominance, or the period during which such dominance is exercised.
The first nuclear bombing initiated a reign of fear.

vivacious

adjective

full of life and spirit; animated.

The vivacious tour guide charmed everyone and easily held our attention throughout the tour.

derived forms: vivaciously (adv.), vivaciousness (n.)