

## Animal Farm, Chapter 3

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### acute

#### adjective

1. of great severity or intensity.

*The patient is experiencing acute pain in the abdomen.*

*When the hunger pangs became acute, she allowed herself to eat a little.*

2. keen; sharp; sensitive.

*A horse has an acute sense of hearing.*

*She has an acute sensitivity to the feelings of others.*

derived forms: acutely (adv.), acuteness (n.)

### chaff

#### noun

the husks separated from grain by threshing.

*The desired grains of wheat would fall to the threshing floor while the chaff would be blown away by the wind.*

### dole

#### noun

a distribution of food, money, or the like to needy people.

#### transitive verb

to deal out or distribute (food, money, or the like) in small amounts to needy people (usually followed by out).

*The relief workers doled out the sacks of flour.*

### faculty

#### noun

any of the specific mental capabilities such as memory, perception, reasoning, or understanding.

### grudging

#### adjective

reluctant or unwilling.

*a grudging admission of error*

derived forms: grudgingly (adv.)

### humble

#### adjective

not prideful or pretentious; modest.

*Although he was rich and powerful, he remained a humble man.*

derived forms: humbly (adv.), humbly (adv.), humbleness (n.), humbler (n.)

### implement

#### noun

something used in order to accomplish a particular thing, especially a tool, device, or instrument to perform a task.

*A pen is an implement for writing.*

*A radio ad can be your best implement for getting your business known in the area.*

#### transitive verb

to carry out or put into effect.

*It's time to implement our plan.*

*The state is about to implement the new laws on industrial pollution.*

derived forms: implemental (adj.), implementation (n.), implementer (n.)

## **indefatigable**

**adjective**

persisting tirelessly; untiring.

*The senator was an indefatigable campaigner and would be hard to beat.*

derived forms: indefatigably (adv.), indefatigability (n.), indefatigableness (n.)

## **leisure**

**noun**

freedom from work or other duties or responsibilities that require time and effort; free time.

*Life was hard for our ancestors, and they had little leisure.*

*In his leisure, he likes to read mystery novels.*

## **manipulation**

**noun**

skillful or devious handling.

## **maxim**

**noun**

a brief, concise statement of a general or basic truth or rule, especially for proper conduct.

*My grandmother's favorite maxim was "A child should be seen and not heard."*

## **propulsion**

**noun**

the act or process of propelling, or the condition of being propelled.

derived forms: propulsive (adj.), propulsory (adj.)

## **resolution**

**noun**

mental firmness, determination, or resolve.

*Without strong resolution, she would not have risen to the top of her profession.*

## **toil<sup>1</sup>**

**noun**

long or laborious work or effort.

derived forms: toiler (n.)