

George Orwell

Animal Farm

KEY TO THE ACTIVITIES

George Orwell

Page 5 – exercise 1

1 George Orwell's parents were living in India because his father worked for the British Government 2 Orwell's mother took him to England to have him educated there 3 In England Orwell attended St Cyprian's Preparatory School and then Eton College 4 Orwell went to Burma to join the Indian Imperial Police 5 Orwell's life in Paris was very difficult 6 Orwell went to Spain because he wanted to fight for the Republic, against Franco's Nationalists 7 Orwell decided to write *Animal Farm* because he was very much against dictators and particularly Stalin 8 *Nineteen Eighty-Four* was about a terrible totalitarian society of the future

Before you read

Page 7 – exercise 1

1 f 2 d 3 a 4 b 5 c 6 e

Page 7 – exercise 2

1 D 2 F 3 A 4 C 5 B 6 E

Page 7 – exercise 3

Open answer

CHAPTER 1

The text and beyond

Page 13 – exercise 1

1 B 2 A 3 A 4 B 5 B 6 A 7 A 8 B
9 A 10 B

Page 13 – exercise 2

A
1 comfortable 2 cruelty 3 hungry
4 freedom 5 confused 6 excitement
7 sad 8 noise

B

Open answer

Page 14 – exercise 3

1 while 2 after 3 before 4 as soon as
5 when 6 before

Page 14 – exercise 4

1 In the barn 2 All the animals are looking at Old Major: he wants to tell them about a dream he had 3 Horses, pigs, dogs, cows, goats, sheep, chickens, a duck with ducklings, a donkey, a cat

CHAPTER 2

Before you read

Page 15 – exercise 1

1 C 2 D 3 A 4 B 5 E

Page 15 – exercise 2

1 c 2 d 3 a 4 f 5 b 6 e

The text and beyond

Page 21 – exercise 1

1 The job of the pigs was teaching and organizing the other animals, because they were the smartest ones 2 Napoleon was tough and had a strong character 3 The principles of Animalism were the teachings of Old Major 4 Mollie was worried about wearing ribbons on her pretty head 5 Moses the raven told the animals a lot of lies about Sugarcandy Mountain 6 Mr Jones's farm was in poor condition because he had money problems and he started to drink. He didn't look after his farm 7 One of the hungry cows broke the door of the storage shed with her horns 8 The animals kicked and butted Mr Jones and his men. They chased them out of the farm and shut the gate in their faces! 9 They built a fire and threw whips, knives and chains into the big fire because all of these things reminded them of Mr Jones's world 10 The animals were amazed by the luxury inside the farmhouse: the sofa, the soft bed, the carpet and other lovely things

Page 21 – exercise 2

1 The storage shed was near the farmhouse 2 Clover was smaller than Boxer 3 The animals liked summer weather better than winter weather 4 Benjamin the donkey was unpopular 5 There wasn't anyone in the farmhouse

Page 22 – exercise 3

1 c – Have you fed the animals yet?
2 a – Has she talked to Mrs Jones yet?

3 d – Have they cleaned the barn yet?
4 e – Has he bought the sugar yet?
5 f – Have you read my letter yet?
6 b – Has he seen the new horse yet?

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Open answer

CHAPTER 3

Before you read

Page 23 – exercise 1

1 C 2 C 3 A 4 B

The text and beyond

Page 29 – exercise 1

1 d 2 b 3 a 4 c 5 b

Page 30 – exercise 2

A

1 raven – the others are not birds
2 farmer – the others are not specific names of jobs 3 upset – the others are positive feelings 4 dictionary – the others tell a story 5 British – the others are names of countries
6 brave – the others describe fear and being afraid

B



- C
1 British 2 brave 3 raven 4 farmer
5 upset 6 dictionary

Page 31 – Culture Spot
1 d 2 c 3 b 4 a 5 c 6 d

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Open answer

CHAPTER 4

The text and beyond

Page 38 – exercise 1
1 f 2 k 3 a 4 l 5 b 6 e 7 i 8 c 9 g
10 j 11 d 12 h

Page 39 – exercise 2
1 e 2 b 3 a 4 f 5 c 6 d

CHAPTER 5

Before you read

Page 40 – exercise 1
1 d 2 a 3 c 4 b

Page 40 – exercise 2
1 B 2 D 3 A 4 C

Page 40 – exercise 3

Track 06

All the farmers were terribly afraid of a rebellion on their farms. So, they decided to get together and fight. Mr Jones wanted to go back to his farm. One October morning he and his men joined six or seven other men from Foxwood and Pinchfield. 'Get your biggest sticks ready,' cried Mr Jones to the other men. 'I'm going to take my gun! Manor Farm is mine. Let's go and fight! Let's show them that we men are their masters! They won't rebel again!'

In the meantime, the pigeons came flying through the air and warned the

pigs that Mr Jones and other men were coming.

Snowball was ready for the attack and said, 'Comrades, listen carefully! Some time ago I found an old book at the Jones' farmhouse. It talked about the famous Roman emperor, Julius Caesar. During these months I've studied the famous battles of Julius Caesar and I've learned a lot! The Romans invaded almost all of Europe and with Julius Caesar's knowledge we will win against our common enemy: man!'

Snowball gave his orders quickly and in a few minutes every animal was ready for the battle. When Mr Jones and his angry men approached the farm buildings, Snowball began his first attack.

'Pigeons! Attack now!' cried Snowball. Thirty-five angry pigeons flew over the heads of the men and dirtied them. As the men were cleaning their heads, the geese attacked and bit their legs.

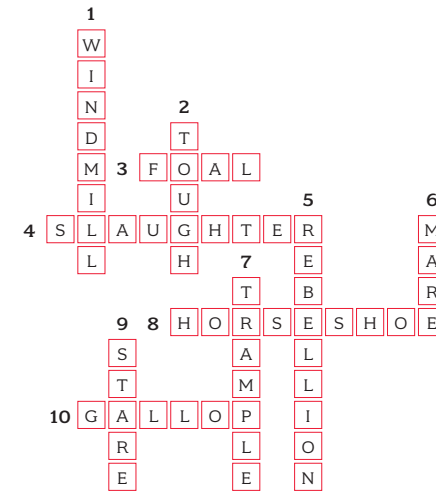
Then Snowball shouted, 'Muriel, Benjamin, sheep: let's go forward and fight!' Snowball led these angry animals that butted and kicked the men. But the men with their big sticks made the animals run back into the yard. 'Hurrah! Hurrah!'

1 F – Mr Jones took his gun and went to fight with other men from Foxwood and Pinchfield. 2 T 3 F – Mr Jones shot his gun and killed a sheep. 4 T

The text and beyond

Page 47 – exercise 1
1 c 2 a 3 c 4 d 5 b

Page 48 – exercise 1



CHAPTER 6

Before you read

Page 49 – exercise 1
Open answer

Page 49 – exercise 2
1 c 2 g 3 f 4 e 5 a 6 d 7 h 8 b

The text and beyond

Page 56 – exercise 1

- The nine fierce dogs obeyed their master, Napoleon, and he told them to chase Snowball out of Animal Farm
- The fierce dogs barked loudly at the four young pigs that complained and they were silent and sat down
- Squealer said that Napoleon had to make the decisions because the animals could easily make the wrong decisions
- Squealer explained that the idea of the windmill was actually Napoleon's idea, and not Snowball's. Napoleon seemed against it because he wanted to get rid of Snowball. It was his tactic
- The animals were happy to work like

slaves on the windmill because it was for them, and not for the selfish human beings 6 Napoleon convinced the animals to do the 'voluntary' work, otherwise they would receive less food 7 It was difficult to build the windmill because the animals could not use certain tools that were made for human beings. And the heavy stones that were needed for the wall of the windmill were very large and heavy to push up the hill 8 Mr Whympster was an unimportant lawyer but a very sly man, and he became Napoleon's agent between Animal Farm and the outside world 9 He told them that they did not remember correctly, or perhaps Snowball told them this terrible lie. He also said that it was probably only a dream!

Page 56 – exercise 2

- Mr Frederick did not live with anyone
- Do these tools belong to Mr Jones?
- It was too dark to see the road
- What's the price of the corn? 5 It's dangerous to cross the river during the storm

Page 57 – exercise 3

- b 2 b 3 a 4 b

CHAPTER 7

Before you read

Page 58 – exercise 1

- A 2 A 3 C 4 B

The text and beyond

Page 65 – exercise 1

- c 2 a 3 b 4 a 5 c

Page 66 – Culture spot

- E 2 F 3 G 4 C 5 A

CHAPTER 8

The text and beyond

Page 73 – exercise 1

1 h 2 e 3 i 4 a 5 c 6 b 7 j 8 g 9 d 10 f

Page 74 – exercise 2

A

1 Muriel said that the farmhouse was near the barn 2 Mr Frederick said that Mr Jones was going to the pub 3 Bluebell said that the hens were going to the Sunday meeting 4 Clover said that Boxer had already been to the quarry to get the stones

B

1 'Boxer is the best worker,' said Napoleon
 2 'I can't find my red ribbon,' said Mollie
 3 'Mr Jones has always had dinner at six,' said Mr Whymper
 4 'My foal is playing in the grassy field,' said Clover

CHAPTER 9

Before you read

Page 75 – exercise 1

1 d 2 c 3 a 4 b

Page 75 – exercise 2

1 B 2 D 3 A 4 C

Page 75 – exercise 3

1 T 2 F – A terrible explosion destroyed the windmill 3 T 4 F – Boxer's hoof hurt, but he wanted to continue working and finish the windmill 5 T

The text and beyond

Page 80 – exercise 1

1 a 2 c 3 b 4 d 5 b

Page 81 – exercise 2

NAPOLEON: bad, determined, dishonest, fat, jealous, selfish, tough, liar, uncaring, unfriendly, unkind
SQUEALER: clever, determined, dishonest, fast talker, fat, liar, selfish, sly, uncaring, unkind, young
SNOWBALL: brave, caring, clever, determined, friendly, good, intelligent, honest
BOXER: brave, determined, enormous, friendly, good, hard worker, honest, never complains, obedient, old, strong, stupid
BENJAMIN: bad tempered, brave, clever, intelligent, old, wise
CLOVER: caring, friendly, good, honest, obedient, old, kind

CHAPTER 10

The text and beyond

Page 88 – exercise 1

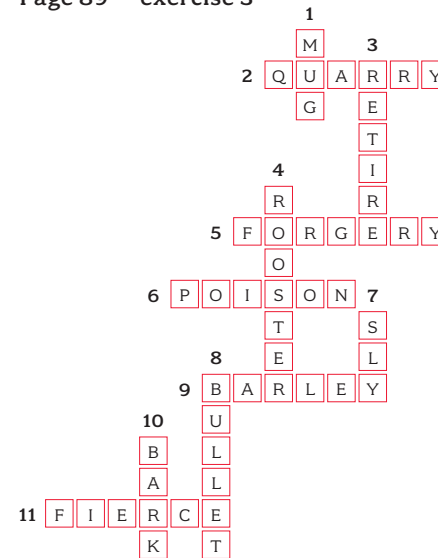
1 The pigeons brought the bad news that Boxer had fallen and couldn't get up 2 Boxer said to Clover that he couldn't breathe and that perhaps he should retire 3 Squealer wanted to send Boxer to the Veterinary Hospital in Willingdon 4 When he retired, Boxer wanted to learn the remaining twenty-two letters of the alphabet 5 Benjamin told the animals that the lorry belonged to the knacker 6 Squealer changed the story and said that the lorry once belonged to the knacker, but was bought by the Veterinary Hospital. However, the hospital didn't have the time to change the name 7 Squealer always told the animals that everything was getting better and better on the farm, even though this was not true 8 Life at Animal Farm was very difficult for all the animals, except for the pigs and

dogs. The poor animals were hungry, cold and very tired 9 The only new commandment on the barn wall was: ALL ANIMALS ARE EQUAL, BUT SOME ARE MORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS 10 The pigs started to walk on their hind legs and carry whips in their trotters when they supervised the other animals. They then wanted to buy things like a radio and a telephone. Soon they dressed like humans, too 11 Clover and the other animals saw that the pigs and the men were sitting together at the table talking, drinking beer and playing cards 12 There was no difference between the pigs and the men

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Open answer

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Animal Farm: An Allegory

Page 93 – exercise 1

1 Orwell wrote *Animal Farm*, an allegory, because he always criticized

dictatorships and totalitarian societies 2 The Russian Revolution of 1917-1918 was the big revolt of poor farmers and the working class, that lived in poverty and hunger, against Tsar Nicholas II, the emperor. The revolt was led by Lenin and a group of revolutionaries called Bolsheviks 3 The changes in the Seven Commandments were all to the benefit of the pigs that had the intelligence and the power. The changes in the commandments justified the pigs' actions, which were clearly against the original intentions of the commandments. These changes were examples of hypocrisy and lies, brought on by abuse of power and ignorance of the other animals 4 Joseph Stalin became dictator in 1927 and his rule was characterized by fear, secret police and control of all sources of information 5 When the common enemy, Mr Jones, was no longer present, separate classes were created. The natural division between mental and physical work, emphasized by Squealer, justified the existence of separate classes. Squealer was able to convince the other animals that only the pigs could make the right decisions for them 6 The pigs used their intelligence exclusively to their own benefit and well being 7 When power was in the hands of the few pigs, corruption and oppression were rampant, as there was no opposition to stop them. The fierce dogs killed any animals that complained too loudly

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Open answer

AFTER READING**Page 94 – exercise 1**

1 F – Old Major taught the animals the song ‘Beasts of England’ 2 T 3 T 4 F
 – Milk and apples were considered
 brain foods for the pigs 5 T 6 T 7 T
 8 F – Mr Frederick paid Napoleon for
 the pile of wood with banknotes that
 were forgeries 9 T 10 T

Page 94 – exercise 2

1 Old Major 2 Mr Jones 3 Benjamin
 4 Squealer 5 Snowball 6 Napoleon
 7 Boxer

Page 95 – exercise 3

1 d 2 i 3 j 4 a 5 c 6 b 7 h 8 e 9 f 10 g

Page 95 – exercise 4

Open answer

ONLINE EXIT TEST**Exercise 1**

1 a 2 d 3 c 4 b

Exercise 2

1 windmill 2 power 3 disagreed
 4 leader 5 build 6 convinced
 7 smarter 8 destroyed 9 business
 10 remember 11 humans

Exercise 3

1 F – Boxer was slaughtered at the
 knackers 2 T 3 T 4 F – Jessie and
 Bluebell were two dogs 5 T 6 F – Old
 Major taught the animals the song
 ‘Beasts of England’ 7 F – Mr
 Frederick bought a pile of wood from
 Napoleon 8 T