

lurched

Inside

(1 syllable)

lurched

(how it sounds)

/lərCH/

Beside

1 With the ring of light from his lantern dancing from side to side, he **lurched** across the yard, kicked off his boots at the back door.

Define

(verb) to move forward in an unsteady, stumbling way

Describe



communicate

Inside

(5 syllables)

com · mu · ni · cate

(how it sounds)

/kə'myʊnəˌkeɪt/

Beside

2 Word had gone round during the day that old Major...had had a strange dream on the previous night and wished to **communicate** it to the other animals.

Define

(verb) to share information, ideas, or feelings with others

Describe



majestic

Inside

(3 syllables)

ma · jes · tic

(how it sounds)

/məˈjestik/

Beside

3 He was twelve years old and had lately grown rather stout, but he was still a **majestic**-looking pig, with a wise and benevolent appearance.

Define

(adjective) grand, impressive, and commanding in appearance or manner

Describe



benevolent

Inside

(4 syllables)

be · nev · o · lent

(how it sounds)

/bəˈnevələnt/

Beside

3 He was twelve years old and had lately grown rather stout, but he was still a majestic-looking pig, with a wise and **benevolent** appearance.

Define

(adjective) kind, warm, and genuinely wanting to do good for others

Describe



universally

Inside

(5 syllables)

u · ni · ver · sal · ly

(how it sounds)

/ˌyʊnɪˈvɜːsəl̩/

Beside

3 Boxer was an enormous beast...and in fact he was not of first-rate intelligence, but he was **universally** respected for his steadiness of character.

Define

(adverb) by everyone; in every case without exception

Describe



cynical

Inside

(3 syllables)

cyn · i · cal

(how it sounds)

/ˈsɪnək(ə)l/

Beside

3 He seldom talked, and when he did, it was usually to make some **cynical** remark—for instance, he would say that God had given him a tail to keep the flies off, but that he would sooner have had no tail and no flies.

Define

(adjective) believing that people act only out of selfishness; dismissive and distrustful

Describe



devoted

Inside

(3 syllables)

de · vot · ed

(how it sounds)

/də'vōdəd/

Beside

3 Nevertheless, without openly admitting it, he was **devoted** to Boxer; the two of them usually spent their Sundays together in the small paddock beyond the orchard.

Define

(adjective) deeply loyal and committed to someone or something

Describe



acquired

Inside

(3 syllables)

ac · quired

(how it sounds)

/ə'kwɪ(ə)r/

Beside

5 I do not think, comrades, that I shall be with you for many months longer, and before I die, I feel it my duty to pass on to you such wisdom as I have **acquired**.

Define

(verb) to gain or develop something, such as knowledge or a skill, over time

Describe



laborious

Inside

(4 syllables)

la · bo · ri · ous

(how it sounds)

/ləˈbɔːriəs/

Beside

6 Let us face it: our lives are miserable, **laborious**, and short.

Define

(adjective) requiring great effort and hard work; slow and difficult

Describe



capable

Inside

(3 syllables)

ca · pa · ble

(how it sounds)

/'kāpəb(ə)l/

Beside

6 We are born, we are given just so much food as will keep the breath in our bodies, and those of us who are **capable** of it are forced to work to the last atom of our strength.

Define

(adjective) having the ability or skill needed to do something

Describe



abundance

Inside

(3 syllables)

a · bun · dance

(how it sounds)

/ə' bʌnd(ə)n(t)s/

Beside

7 The soil of England is fertile, its climate is good, it is capable of affording food in **abundance** to an enormously greater number of animals than now inhabit it.

Define

(noun) a very large amount of something; more than enough

Describe



tyranny

Inside

(3 syllables)

tyr · an · ny

(how it sounds)

/'tirənē/

Beside

10 Is it not crystal clear, then, comrades, that all the evils of this life of ours spring from the **tyranny** of human beings?

Define

(noun) cruel, unjust, or oppressive use of power over others

Describe



resolution

Inside

(4 syllables)

res · o · lu · tion

(how it sounds)

/ˌrezəˈlʊʃən/

Beside

11 And remember, comrades, your **resolution** must never falter.

Define

(noun) a firm decision or strong determination to do something

Describe



astray

Inside

(2 syllables)

a · stray

(how it sounds)

/ə'strā/

Beside

11 No argument must lead you **astray**.

Define

(adverb/adjective) away from the correct path, belief, or course of action

Describe



prosperity

Inside

(4 syllables)

pros · per · i · ty

(how it sounds)

/prä'sperədē/

Beside

11 Never listen when they tell you that Man and the animals have a common interest, that the **prosperity** of the one is the prosperity of the others.

Define

(noun) a state of success, wealth, or well-being

Describe



vanished

Inside

(2 syllables)

van · ished

(how it sounds)

/ˈvaniSH/

Beside

15 It was a dream of the earth as it will be when Man has **vanished**.

Define

(verb) to disappear suddenly and completely

Describe



preliminary

Inside

(5 syllables)

pre · lim · i · na · ry

(how it sounds)

/prə'limə,nerē/

Beside

17 And then, after a few **preliminary** tries, the whole farm burst out into Beasts of England in tremendous unison.

Define

(adjective) happening before the main event, as a preparation or warm-up

Describe



succession

Inside

(3 syllables)

suc · ces · sion

(how it sounds)

/sək'seSHən/

Beside

17 They were so delighted with the song that they sang it right through five times in **succession**, and might have continued singing it all night.

Define

(noun) a series of things following one after another without interruption

Describe

