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Animal Farm

CHAPTER 4 VOCABULARY

ROOTS · WORD PARTS · SYNTAX

complacent tactics strategy propaganda
rebellion courageous defending victory
retreated influence

Word parts chart · Break It Apart · Root match · Syntax check
Word family sort · Matching game · 9-question quiz · Answer keys

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Grade 7 (works for 7–10)

CCSS L.7.4b · RL.7.4 · L.7.4a

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Teacher Notes

Grade 7
about 60 minutes

In Chapter 4, news of the rebellion spreads to nearby farms. Mr. Jones and his men return to take the farm back, but Snowball has planned the defense. With a planned retreat, an ambush and Boxer's courage, the animals win the Battle of the Cowshed. These ten words help students follow the battle and see how a victory becomes a story the pigs can use. For each word, students **break it into parts**, find the **root**, and explain **how it works in a sentence**.

HOW TO USE IT

1. Show the **Chapter 4 vocabulary video lesson**: scan the QR code or go to youtu.be/dHxw_jmf-jg.
2. Students keep the **2-page Word Parts chart** as a reference.
3. Students complete **Parts A–E** of the worksheet (about 30 minutes).
4. Play the **Matching Game** in pairs or small groups (about 10 minutes).
5. Give the **9-question quiz** (about 15 minutes).

STANDARDS ALIGNMENT

STANDARD	WHAT STUDENTS DO	WHERE
L.7.4b	Use common Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to a word's meaning	Word Parts chart, Parts A, B, D
RL.7.4	Determine the meaning of words as they are used in a literary text	Part C, Part E

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Word Parts Chart

The **pink box** is the root. A **prefix** comes before the root and a **suffix** comes after it.

complacent

adjective

com- | **plac** | **-ent**

com- = fully · plac = to please · -ent = being

Means: self-satisfied and unaware of danger

Syntax: Describes a person: *Mr. Jones became complacent*.

Ch. 4: Mr. Jones became complacent and neglected the farm, so the animals could take it.

Family: placid, placate, please

tactics

plural noun

tact | **-ic + -s**

tact = to arrange (Greek) · -s = plural

Means: methods used to reach a goal

Syntax: Plural noun: *clever tactics*. The -s is an inflectional ending.

Ch. 4: Snowball uses clever tactics to outsmart the humans.

Family: tactical, tactician

strategy

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Worksheet

Name _____ **Date** _____ **Period** _____

A BREAK IT APART

Use your Word Parts chart. Split each word into its prefix, root and suffix. Write **none** if there isn't one. Then write what the root means.

WORD	PREFIX	ROOT	SUFFIX	ROOT MEANING
complacent				
tactics				
strategy				
propaganda				
rebellion				
courageous				
defending				
victory				
retreated				
influence				

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