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Animal Farm

CHAPTER 8 VOCABULARY

ROOTS · WORD PARTS · SYNTAX

excess attribute commemorate negotiate
counterfeit treachery demolish explosion
intoxicated contradiction

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 8, the commandments quietly change and Napoleon gives himself grand titles. He sells the timber to Frederick, who pays with fake money. Then Frederick's men blow up the windmill. The pigs call it a victory, celebrate with whisky, and Squealer is found by the barn wall with a ladder and paint. These ten words help students follow the trickery on every side. 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 8 vocabulary video lesson** (link on your YouTube channel: youtube.com/@mrspeters3432).
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.

excess *noun*

ex- **cess**

ex- = out, beyond · cess = to go

Means: more than is needed or allowed

Syntax: Often in *to excess*: *drink to excess.*

Ch. 8: A changed commandment now says no animal shall drink alcohol to excess.

Family: process, recess, exceed

attribute *verb*

at- **tribut**

at- = to · tribut = to give

Means: to give credit for something to someone

Syntax: Verb + *to*: *attribute success to __.*

Ch. 8: The animals are taught to attribute every success to Comrade Napoleon.

Family: contribute, tribute, distribute

commemorate

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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
excess				
attribute				
commemorate				
negotiate				
counterfeit				
treachery				
demolish				
explosion				
intoxicated				
contradiction				

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