

<i>The Words</i>	<i>What They Really Mean</i>
<p>In the future, all questions relating to the working of the farm would be settled by a special committee of pigs presided over by himself.</p>	<p>Napoleon is going to make all the decisions.</p>
<p>“No one believes more firmly than Comrade Napoleon that all animals are equal. He would be only too happy to let you make decisions for yourselves. But sometimes you might make the wrong decisions, comrades, and then where would you all be?”</p>	

COMPREHENSION

Choose the best answer.

1. What happened to Mollie?
 - A. She was killed by Mr. Jones.
 - B. She betrayed Animal Farm and went to work for humans.
 - C. She began her own revolution in which all animals get sugar.
2. “In January there came bitterly hard weather.” This sentence means:
 - A. The weather didn’t taste good.
 - B. The weather was very firm.
 - C. The weather made it difficult to live.
3. The animals would “assemble” in the barn every Sunday. This most likely means
 - A. They would argue in the barn.
 - B. They would all meet together in the barn.
 - C. They would build a barn every Sunday.
4. What would be the benefit of a windmill, according to Snowball?
 - A. Wind would make the farm cooler.
 - B. Electricity would make life easier.
 - C. It could be used as a new place to sleep.
5. What did Napoleon say at first about the windmill?
 - A. It is a good idea.
 - B. Food production is more important.
 - C. It will be difficult to accomplish.
6. In Chapter V, besides the windmill, on what issue do Napoleon and Snowball disagree?
 - A. Defence of the farm.
 - B. Housing.
 - C. Egg laying.
7. What does Squealer accuse Snowball of?
 - A. Being lazy.
 - B. Being no better than a criminal.
 - C. Speaking too much.
8. What stopped the other pigs’ protests?
 - A. The animals’ applause.
 - B. The dogs’ growling.
 - C. Napoleon’s shouting.
9. What did Napoleon cancel?
 - A. Sunday meetings.
 - B. The windmill plans.
 - C. Singing “Beasts of England.”

Answer the questions.

10. Who did it seem the animals would support after Snowball’s speech at the Sunday windmill meeting? What were the animals promised?
11. What reasons did Squealer give for Napoleon making all decisions?

12. Did Benjamin agree with Napoleon or Snowball about what was said?
13. What did Napoleon do to the plans on the floor?

Answer true or false

14. The animals supported Napoleon's announcement that Sunday meetings would be canceled.

15. The chapter begins in winter and ends in spring.
16. At the end of the chapter, Napoleon will continue with the plans to build the windmill.
17. Squealer tells the animals that the windmill was actually Napoleon's idea.

DISCUSSION

1. What role does "Four legs good, two legs bad," play in Napoleon's propaganda? What is its meaning?
2. "[Squealer] repeated a number of times, 'Tactics, comrades, tactics!' skipping round and whisking his tail with a merry laugh. The animals were not certain what the word meant, but Squealer spoke so persuasively, and the three dogs who happened to be with him growled so threateningly, that they accepted his explanation without further questions." If the animals didn't understand Squealer's words, why do you think they accepted his explanation?
3. How useful are speeches like Snowball's if people don't understand them?
4. It was "assumed" that the windmill plans had been rubbed off the floor. How does Orwell use this word to describe the animals' level of thought? This is the second time the animals have assumed something. What did the animals assume in Chapter III that proved false? How dangerous is it to assume things?
5. Who do Snowball's plans benefit? Do you believe the windmill will succeed?

