

George Orwell's *1984*: Vocabulary Inventory

Word	Definition	Know It Well	Have Heard of It	Don't Know It
Vocabulary from Part One				
tableaux	a picture, as of a scene			
furtive	sly			
nebulous	confused; cloudy			
orthodox	customary or conventional			
heresy	unorthodox opinion			
din	loud noise			
drudge	slave-like worker			
mutable	changeable			
myriad	countless			
zealot	fanatic			
garble	mix up; distort; scramble			
pedant	one who excessively displays his learning			
vapid	flat; dull; lifeless			
posterity	future generations			
axiom	saying			
bourgeoisie	middle class (negative connotation)			
Vocabulary from Part Two				
fatuous	foolish, stupid			
extricate	release; disentangle			
iniquity	wickedness			
incredulity	inability to believe			
cunning	sly; deceitful; tricky			
rendezvous	meeting place			
effigy	representation of a person, used to communicate anger			
febrile	feverish			
pilfer	steal			

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arbitrary	random			
hierarchy	power structure; pecking order			
austere	strict; severe; harsh			
avaricious	greedy			
dissipate	gradually disappear			
inimical	harmful; unfriendly			
paraphernalia	equipment			
Vocabulary from Part Three				
cauterize	burn, sear, or freeze (tissue) using a hot iron or electric current or a caustic agent			
mottled	having spots or patches of color			
utopia	ideally perfect state; especially in its social, political, and moral aspects			
grovel	show submission or fear			
premonitory	warning of future misfortune			
sanctimonious	excessively or hypocritically pious			
malleable	capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out			
haggle	an instance of intense argument (as in bargaining)			
objectivity	judgment based on an observable phenomena and uninfluenced by emotions or personal prejudices			
embezzlement	the fraudulent appropriation of funds or property entrusted to your care but actually owned by someone else			
euphemism	an inoffensive or indirect expression that is substituted for one that is considered offensive or too harsh			
smattering	a slight or superficial understanding of a subject			
sinecure	an office that involves minimal duties			
delude	be false to; dishonest with			
contortion	a tortuous and twisted shape or position			
utilitarian	having a useful function			