

Vocabulary	Definition
Agriculture	Growing plant crops and rearing and managing livestock to produce a variety of products for commercial sale.
Animal Intelligence	The ability of an animal to learn, acquire knowledge and process information.
Animal Welfare	Refers to how an animal is coping with the conditions in which it lives.
Animal Welfarist	A person or organisation adopting an ‘animal welfare’ approach to animal protection. Animal welfarists are concerned with how well animals are coping with their environment, i.e. whether they are experiencing positive or negative wellbeing. For welfarists, it is morally acceptable for humans to use animals for human purposes, so long as that use does not cause unjustifiable or unreasonable pain and suffering.
Animal Rights	Refers to the moral and legal entitlements of animals.
Animal Rights Advocate	A person or organisation adopting an ‘animal rights’ approach to animal protection. Many rights advocates believe that animals are entitled to enjoy fundamental rights such as the rights to life, health and liberty. An animal rights advocate would challenge the property status of animals, and disagree with the idea that it is morally acceptable for humans to use animals for human purposes.
Battery Cages	A series of cages in which hens are confined for laying eggs.
Bildungsroman	A literary genre which focuses on the development of an adolescent protagonist.
Bio-security	Steps taken to prevent the spread of infectious disease amongst humans and animals, or from one place to another.
Broiler Chicken	Chickens bred for meat production.
Ethics	The moral principles which determine how a person conducts themselves.
Epigraph	A short quotation or inscription at the start of a text, or chapter or a novel, which imply its theme.
Factory Farming	A system of large-scale intensive animal agriculture, where animals are generally confined indoors, and unable to perform most natural behaviours.



Free-range	A system of animal farming where animals are housed at lower stocking densities than intensive systems, and are permitted some degree of access to an outdoor area.
Misconception	An opinion or view that is flawed.
Morals	The individual values that a person holds in relation to what that person feels is right or wrong.
Natural Behaviours	The actions and conduct animals usually exhibit under natural conditions.
Perspective	Point of view.
Poultry	A term used to group a variety of domesticated birds such as chickens, geese, ducks or quail.
Principles	A set of guidelines a person lives by which determines their behaviour.
Protagonist	The central character of a text.
Provincialism	Old-fashioned, or narrow-minded attitudes and opinions of people who live outside big cities.
Selective breeding	A process where humans breed together animals with specific characteristics, in order to produce offspring with those characteristics.
Sentience	The ability to perceive and feel things, such as pleasure and pain.
Slaughterhouse	A place where humans kill animals for their meat and bodily parts.
Social Justice Activism	Efforts to change political or social issues through public protest or action.
Stocking density	Stocking density refers to the concentration of animals within a particular area.
Veganism	The practice of abstaining from anything which involves the use of animals for human purposes, especially food and clothing derived from animal bodies.