

# Vocabulary in *Ethics and the New Animal Liberation Movement*

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<b>appal</b>	v.	to cause (someone) to feel fear, shock, or disgust <i>The thought of war appalls me.</i>
<b>dotty</b>	adj.	somewhat crazy <i>my dotty old grandparents</i>
<b>dismissive</b>	adj.	refusing to think about or consider something or someone usually + of <i>He was dismissive of my idea.</i>
<b>liken</b>	v.	to describe (someone or something) as similar to (someone or something else) <i>Some critics have likened [=compared] his writing to Faulkner's.</i>
<b>fatten</b>	v.	to make (someone or something) fat <i>fatten (up) pigs for slaughter</i>
<b>kidnap</b>	v.	to take away (someone) by force usually in order to keep the person as a prisoner and demand money for returning the person <i>She had been kidnapped (from her home).</i>
<b>trepidation</b>	n.	a feeling of fear that causes you to hesitate because you think something bad or unpleasant is going to happen <i>He had/felt some trepidation about agreeing to their proposal.</i>
<b>broach</b>	v.	to introduce (a subject, issue, etc.) for discussion <i>She broached the idea of getting another cat.</i>
<b>indefensible</b>	adj.	not defensible: such as <i>The company adopted an indefensible position on the issue.</i>
<b>meddle</b>	v.	to become involved in the activities and concerns of other people when your involvement is not wanted :interfere usually + in <i>He was always meddling in other people's personal lives.</i>
<b>stratagem</b>	n.	a trick or plan for deceiving an enemy or for achieving a goal <i>a clever stratagem</i>
<b>trotter</b>	n.	a horse that has been trained to trot in races
<b>despot</b>	n.	a ruler who has total power and who often uses that power in cruel and unfair ways <i>medieval despots [=tyrants]</i>
<b>rejoinder</b>	n.	a usually rude or angry reply to something written or said <i>The article was a stinging rejoinder to her critics.</i>
<b>blister</b>	n.	a raised area on the skin that contains clear liquid and that is caused by injury to the skin <i>She developed a blister on her heel where her shoe rubbed against it.</i>
<b>sadism</b>	n.	enjoyment that someone gets from being violent or cruel or from causing pain <i>sexual sadism</i>
<b>misunderstand</b>	v.	to fail to understand (someone or something) correctly <i>Don't misunderstand meI'm not criticizing your decision.</i>
<b>replenish</b>	v.	to fill or build up (something) again

		<i>An efficient staff of workers replenished the trays of appetizers almost as quickly as guests emptied them.</i>
<b>sacrum</b>	n.	the part of the vertebral column that is directly connected with or forms a part of the pelvis and in humans consists of five fused vertebrae
<b>erode</b>	v.	to gradually destroy (something) or to be gradually destroyed by natural forces (such as water, wind, or ice) <i>Crashing waves have eroded the cliffs along the beach.</i>
<b>posse</b>	n.	a group of people who were gathered together by a sheriff in the past to help search for a criminal <i>The sheriff and his posse rode out to look for the bandits.</i>
<b>insuperable</b>	adj.	impossible to solve or get control of :impossible to overcome <i>They succeeded despite some nearly insuperable [=insurmountable] difficulties.</i>
<b>stewardship</b>	n.	the activity or job of protecting and being responsible for something usually + of <i>the stewardship of their investments/estate</i>
<b>derision</b>	n.	the feeling that people express when they criticize and laugh at someone or something in an insulting way <i>yells of derision</i>
<b>callous</b>	adj.	not feeling or showing any concern about the problems or suffering of other people <i>a selfish and callous young man</i>
<b>entitle</b>	v.	to give a title to (something, such as a book) :title <i>He entitled his book My Life on Mars.</i>
<b>caprice</b>	n.	a sudden change <i>the caprices of the weather</i>
<b>chimpanzee</b>	n.	an intelligent animal that is a type of ape and that lives mostly in trees in Africa
<b>kangaroo</b>	n.	an Australian animal that moves by hopping on its powerful rear legs
<b>blatant</b>	adj.	very obvious and offensive <i>a blatant lie</i>
<b>crux</b>	n.	the most important part of something (such as a problem, issue, puzzle, etc.) usually + of <i>The crux of the matter is that people are afraid of change.</i>
<b>subdue</b>	v.	to get control of (a violent or dangerous person or group) by using force, punishment, etc. <i>The troops were finally able to subdue the rebel forces after many days of fighting.</i>
<b>forestall</b>	v.	to stop (something) from happening or to cause (something) to happen at a later time <i>Negotiations failed to forestall the conflict.</i>
<b>undoubted</b>	adj.	definitely true or existing :not doubted <i>an undoubted [=undisputed] truth/fact</i>
<b>rebuke</b>	v.	to speak in an angry and critical way to (someone) often + for <i>She was rebuked [=reprimanded] for being late.</i>
<b>override</b>	v.	to make (something) no longer valid <i>Congress overrode the President's veto.</i>
<b>retard</b>	v.	to slow down the development or progress of (something) <i>The chemical will retard the spread of fire.</i>
<b>drown</b>	v.	to die by being underwater too long and unable to breathe <i>Four people drowned in the flood.</i>
<b>lush</b>	adj.	having a lot of full and healthy growth <i>lush grass</i>
<b>specie</b>	n.	money in coin

<b>elevate</b>	v.	to lift (something) up <i>The doctor told her to elevate [=raise] her leg.</i>
<b>underestimate</b>	v.	to estimate (something) as being less than the actual size, quantity, or number <i>The city underestimated the cost of the new building.</i>
<b>unequivocal</b>	adj.	very strong and clear :not showing or allowing any doubt :not equivocal <i>unequivocal evidence</i>
<b>complicate</b>	v.	to make (something) more difficult or less simple <i>Changing jobs now would complicate her life.</i>
<b>primate</b>	n.	any member of the group of animals that includes human beings, apes, and monkeys <i>the Primate of England and Wales</i>
<b>settler</b>	n.	a person who goes to live in a new place where usually there are few or no people <i>The town was established by British settlers [=colonists] in 1769.</i>
<b>barbarian</b>	n.	a member of a violent or uncivilized group of people especially in past times <i>The book describes tribes of barbarians massing on the borders of the Roman Empire.</i>
<b>orphan</b>	v.	to cause (a child) to become an orphan usually used as (be) orphaned <i>He was orphaned as a young boy when his parents died in a car accident.</i>
<b>offend</b>	v.	to cause (a person or group) to feel hurt, angry, or upset by something said or done <i>His comments about minority groups offended many of us.</i>
<b>grind</b>	v.	to crush or break (something) into very small pieces by rubbing it against a rough surface or using a special machine <i>Grind (up) the coffee beans into a fine powder.</i>
<b>culmination</b>	n.	the end or final result of something <i>This study is the culmination of years of research.</i>
<b>fowl</b>	n.	a bird (such as a chicken) that is raised for food usually plural <i>raising domestic fowl</i>
<b>sanctity</b>	n.	the quality or state of being holy, very important, or valuable often + of <i>the sanctity [=sacredness] of marriage/life/tradition</i>
<b>hop</b>	v.	to move by a quick jump or series of jumps <i>He hopped over the hot sand.</i>
<b>hasten</b>	v.	to cause (something) to happen more quickly <i>A factory was built, hastening [=accelerating] the town's growth.</i>
<b>swine</b>	n.	pig <i>methods of raising swine</i>
<b>reformer</b>	n.	a person who works to change and improve a society, government, etc. <i>an economic/educational/social reformer</i>
<b>redress</b>	v.	to correct (something that is unfair or wrong) <i>We hope that all these grievances/problems will be redressed [=remedied] immediately.</i>
<b>invoke</b>	v.	to mention (someone or something) in an attempt to make people feel a certain way or have a certain idea in their mind <i>He invoked the memory/name of his predecessor.</i>
<b>bald</b>	adj.	having no hair or very little hair on the head <i>a bald man</i>
<b>homo</b>	n.	a homosexual person
<b>pest</b>	n.	an animal or insect that causes problems for people especially by damaging crops <i>These insects/birds are pests for farmers.</i>
<b>prohibit</b>	v.	to order (someone) not to use or do something + from

		<i>The town prohibited teenagers from being in the streets after 10 p.m.</i>
<b>discriminate</b>	v.	to unfairly treat a person or group of people differently from other people or groups <i>The school is not allowed to discriminate.</i>
<b>deprive</b>	v.	to take something away from someone or something :to not allow (someone or something) to have or keep (something) <i>The change in her status deprived her of access to classified information.</i>
<b>lethal</b>	adj.	causing or able to cause death <i>lethal chemicals/weapons</i>
<b>benevolent</b>	adj.	kind and generous <i>a benevolent company/government</i>
<b>colonialism</b>	n.	control by one country over another area and its people
<b>await</b>	v.	to wait for (someone or something) <i>A crowd of people awaited the train.</i>
<b>mainstream</b>	v.	to place (a child with special educational needs) in regular school classes <i>The poor should be mainstreamed into the private health-insurance system.</i>
<b>avail</b>	v.	to be useful or helpful to (someone or something) <i>Our best efforts availed [=gained] us nothing.</i>
<b>confine</b>	v.	to keep (someone or something) within limits :to prevent (someone or something) from going beyond a particular limit, area, etc. usually + to <i>Please confine [=restrict, limit] your comments to 200 words.</i>
<b>disciple</b>	n.	someone who accepts and helps to spread the teachings of a famous person <i>a disciple of Sigmund Freud</i>
<b>dread</b>	v.	to fear something that will or might happen <i>He can't swim and dreads going in the water.</i>
<b>contend</b>	v.	to argue or state (something) in a strong and definite way <i>These people contend that they have earned the right to the land.</i>
<b>dismiss</b>	v.	to decide not to think about or consider (something or someone) <i>We dismissed his accusations.</i>
<b>furious</b>	adj.	very angry <i>She's furious at/over how slowly the investigation is proceeding.</i>
<b>slaughter</b>	v.	to kill (an animal) for food <i>slaughter cattle</i>
<b>racism</b>	n.	poor treatment of or violence against people because of their race <i>Have you experienced racism?</i>
<b>militant</b>	adj.	having or showing a desire or willingness to use strong, extreme, and sometimes forceful methods to achieve something <i>militant protesters</i>
<b>creep</b>	v.	to move slowly with the body close to the ground <i>A spider was creeping [=crawling] along the bathroom floor.</i>
<b>anticipate</b>	v.	to think of (something that will or might happen in the future) :expect <i>The cost turned out to be higher than anticipated.</i>
<b>cruelty</b>	n.	a desire to cause others to suffer :the quality or state of being cruel <i>a dictator/tyrant known for his cruelty</i>
<b>colleague</b>	n.	a person who works with you :a fellow worker <i>A colleague of mine will be speaking at the conference.</i>
<b>stance</b>	n.	a publicly stated opinion usually singular <i>He changed his stance after new evidence was discovered.</i>
<b>benign</b>	adj.	not causing death or serious injury <i>a benign infection/disease</i>
<b>tyranny</b>	n.	cruel and unfair treatment by people with power over others

		<i>The refugees were fleeing tyranny.</i>
<b>compassion</b>	n.	a feeling of wanting to help someone who is sick, hungry, in trouble, etc. <i>He felt compassion for the lost child.</i>
<b>pasture</b>	v.	to put (an animal) in a pasture to feed on the grass <i>The horses are pastured on several acres of land.</i>
<b>supremacy</b>	n.	the quality or state of having more power, authority, or status than anyone else :the state of being supreme <i>military/economic supremacy</i>
<b>herd</b>	v.	to gather and move (a group of animals) <i>herd cattle</i>
<b>trivial</b>	adj.	not important <i>statistics and other trivial matters</i>