

Orwell's Key Terms in 1984 Answer Key

(Sample Responses)

1. Newspeak

- Definition: A controlled language created by the Party.
- Connection: Designed to eliminate rebellious thoughts by restricting words and meaning.
- Application: *In Newspeak, words like "freedom" eventually disappear so people cannot even imagine the concept.*

2. Doublethink

- Definition: The ability to hold two contradictory beliefs as true at the same time.
- Connection: Citizens must accept Party slogans such as "War is peace."
- Application: *Believing that slavery equals freedom is a clear example of doublethink.*

3. Thoughtcrime

- Definition: The act of thinking rebellious or unorthodox ideas.
- Connection: The Thought Police punish people for even imagining disobedience.
- Application: *When Winston secretly wrote in his diary, he committed thoughtcrime.*

4. Room 101

- Definition: The place of ultimate punishment where a prisoner faces their worst fear.
- Connection: The Party uses it to completely break down resistance and ensure obedience.
- Application: *Winston's terror of rats was used against him in Room 101.*