

# 1984 GLOSSARY

## **"The book"**

Titled "Theory and Practice of Oligarchical Collectivism" and supposedly written by Goldstein, it contains the story of humankind and the Revolution, arguing that there is hope for a stronger future without the dishonesty and manipulation of the Party.

## **Airstrip One**

Part of Oceania, once known as Britain.

## **Doublethink**

Newspeak word with two mutually contradictory meanings. The first is used to refer to an opponent, and can be defined as habitually contradicting plain facts. The second is used to refer to a Party member, and can be defined as a loyal willingness to believe contradictory statements when the Party demands it, which allows for continual alteration of the past.

## **Hate Week**

A week of hate mongering against enemies of war. Supported by massive rallies and organized through the Ministry of Truth, Hate Week rallies Party members around Oceania and Big Brother.

## **Ingsoc**

Newspeak for English Socialism.

## **Ministry of Love (Miniluv)**

Maintains law and order. Protected with great force. Only those arrested for Thought Crime or who are on official Party business can enter. Referred to within the novel as "the place with no darkness" because the lights are always on. Dissidents are taken here to be tortured, reformed, or killed.

## **Ministry of Peace (Minipax)**

Responsible for the Party's management of issues surrounding war.

## **Ministry of Plenty (Miniplenty)**

Responsible for the Party's economic affairs.

## **Ministry of Truth (Minitrue)**

Responsible for all Party news, entertainment, education and fine arts. The Party's propaganda machine.

## **Newspeak**

The official language of Oceania and the new language of the Party, devised to meet the ideological needs of Ingsoc (English Socialism). The goal of Newspeak is to reduce the English language to the fewest words possible and supercede Oldspeak by 2050. Removing words removes ways to define anti-Party feelings and the ability to disagree. For example, the word "speedful" can be used in place of the word "rapid."

## **Party Slogans**

Examples include: "War is Peace"; "Freedom is Slavery"; "Ignorance is Strength."

**Prole**

One of the 85% of the Oceania population that are not Party members and live in poverty. Regulated loosely to weed out the overly intellectual and protect the Party.

**Speakwrite**

A party tool used to translate spoken word into written word.

**Spies and Youth League**

A Party youth organization that encourages children to spy on and report elders, including parents, to the Thought Police. Indoctrinates children into the Party.

**Telescreen**

An oblong metal plaque that looks like a dulled mirror and acts like a television, a camera, and a listening device for the Inner Party and Thought Police. There is no way to shut it off completely, and it keeps tabs on all Party members.

**Thought Police**

The arm of the Inner Party that seeks out those against the Party, searching out anyone with even the smallest thoughts against the Party or Big Brother. Their powers of observation force everyone to live as though they are always being watched or listened to. Mr. Charrington is a member.

**Thoughtcrime**

Thinking against the Party, having misgivings about the Party, doubting Big Brother, or questioning any Party action or "fact."

**Two Minutes Hate**

Daily requirement for all Party members. Organized group of members watches Party presentations on a telescreen denouncing Goldstein and war enemies (either Eastasia or Eurasia), and celebrating Big Brother. Causes great outbursts of hatred such as directed screaming and violence at screen representations of the enemy.

**Vaporized**

The fate of those who commit Thoughtcrimes. Those who are vaporized are removed from society in that they are killed and all evidence of their existence is removed.

**Victory products**

Party-made products, such as gin, cigarettes, clothing, food, and even housing. All of poor quality.