

Circumlocution in Animal Farm

Circumlocution (also called periphrasis) means “talking around” or “talking in circles.” You use circumlocution – intentionally or not, when you talk around something rather than speaking directly about it. Circumlocution is always longer and more complicated than it needs to be. Although circumlocution can be accidental, or simply poor writing, it can also be intentional, either as a manner of descriptive writing, or as a way to make a point.

DIRECTIONS: Identify some examples of circumlocution in the novel. Are they purposeful? Explain your answers.

Circumlocution (quote the text)	Is it purposeful?

