



# Language and Newspeak

## What is Newspeak?



The Party created Newspeak as a way of limiting Oceania's freedom of expression and beliefs. The Party aims to eliminate any chance of opposing thoughts or actions by condensing language and removing terms that could express disapproving or rebellious ideas.



## Examples:

- "Doublethink" is a concept in Newspeak, which refers to the ability to simultaneously retain and accept the accuracy of two opposing views.
- Words like "Miniplenty" and "Plusgood" are examples of how Newspeak manipulates meaning while keeping them simple. "Plusgood" is an exaggerated form of "good," which takes the place of terms like "excellent" or "very good." "Miniplenty" is the Ministry of Plenty, which is in charge of financial matters.

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