

Waiting for Godot

Act I

VOCABULARY

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- 23 pubis—the forward portion of the hip bone
- 3 privation—lack of the basic necessities of life
- 7 insidious—intended to entrap
- 8 wheedling—persuading by flattery
- 8 voluptuously—suggesting unrestrained pleasure
- 8 pugilist—one who fights with his fists
- 9 mandrakes—plants believed to have magical powers
- 11 prerogatives—exclusive rights held by a person
- 13 vacuously—stupidly
- 14 proffers—offers
- 15 peremptory—commanding
- 16 magnanimous—generous in forgiving
- 17 voraciously—greedy in eating
- 18 effeminate—feminine
- 18 cretin—one who is mentally and physically challenged
- 18 goiter—a swelling of the neck
- 20 impertinent—inattentive
- 20 affectation—a false display
- 20 vehemently—in a forceful manner
- 21 ostentatiously—the act of making a showy display
- 22 grampus—a whale
- 23 mollify—to placate or calm
- 25 knook—a knucklehead
- 26 dudeen—a short stemmed clay pipe
- 26 Kapp and Peterson—a brand of pipe
- 29 effulgence—brilliant radiance
- 29 tray bong—slang for French phrase “tres bien” meaning very good
- 30 indignantly—angrily
- 31 aesthete—an admirer of beauty
- 32 consternation—surprise; panic
- 37 fob—a small pocket in the front of a vest, used especially to hold a watch

Act II

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- 47 splayed—spread apart
52 sententious—full of meaning
55 charnel—house-a vault where corpses are kept
55 que voulez-vous—French phrase meaning “what do you want”
62 coquettishly—teasingly
63 gonococcus—bacteria found in venereal diseases
63 spirochete—bacteria found in venereal diseases
65 punctilious—attentive to details
66 morpion—a louse
71 aphoristic—in the form of a brief statement
76 caryatids—columns sculptured in the form of women
76 memoria praeteritorum bonorum—Latin phrase meaning “the past is always recalled to be good”