

Look Back in Anger
Vocabulary

ACT I

tattered toy	old and torn; in bad condition	subscription	money given as a donation
oblong window	used to describe any shape that is longer than it is wide	class distinctions	clear difference or contrast between classes
sturdy table	(of an object) strong and not easily damaged = ROBUST	(wickedly) foster jobs	to encourage sth to develop unruly boys/young men
shabby armchairs	in poor condition because they have been used a lot	sloth	apathy, laziness
disconcert	to make sb feel anxious, confused or embarrassed	drive sb round the bend	make sb go crazy
cheerful malice	a feeling of hatred for sb that causes a desire to harm them	pursuit	~ of sth the act of looking for or trying to find sth
freebooting cruelty	gratuitous behaviour that causes pain or suffering to others	sprawl	to sit or lie with your arms and legs spread out in a relaxed or awkward way
importunate	asking for things many times in a way that is annoying	nudge	to push sb gently in order to get their attention
alienate	to make sb less friendly or sympathetic towards you	dreary	that makes you feel sad; dull and not interesting
blistering honesty	very critical; honesty of a sort which can hurt people's feeling	vague	not clear
loudmouth	a person who is annoying because they talk too loudly or too much in an offensive or stupid way	blooming droning	terrible, monotonous voice
vehement	showing very strong feelings, especially anger	well-bred	polite cliches
non-committal	not giving an opinion;	commonplaces	
creased trousers		bowler hat	hard, formal hat
lethargy	the state of not having any energy or enthusiasm for doing things	plunder	to steal things from a place
self-taught	<i>samouk</i>	sanctuary	safety and protection
to exact sth	to demand and get sth from sb	groin	where the legs join at the top
counterpoint	a pleasing or interesting contrast	sycophantic	servil
=polyphony		phlegmatic	apathetic; calm
elusive personality	difficult to find, define, or achieve	pusillanimous	frightened to take risks; COWARDLY
grubby	rather dirty	non-attachment	non-involvement
well-bred malaise	refined way of feeling unease in the midst of this noisy and unruly household	timid	shy and nervous; not brave
oddity	a person or thing that is strange or unusual	hoarse	sounding harsh
equivocation	not clear and is intended to hide the truth	contort	to become twisted or make sth twisted out of its natural or normal shape
thud	a sound which is made when a heavy object hits sth else	tug	pull
ruffian	a violent man; uncouth, uneducated person	obtain(able)	to get sth, especially by making an effort
self-indulgence	allowing yourself to have or do things that you like, too much/often	clatter	knock together and make a loud noise
potful		gristle	a hard substance in meat that is unpleasant to eat
posh papers	used by people from a high social class	fluff	to do sth badly or to fail at sth
guzzle	to drink sth quickly and in large amounts	ingenious	having a lot of clever new ideas and good at inventing things
		obscene	connected with sex in a way that most people find offensive

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intermittent bursts	not regularly stopping and starting often over a period of time (SPORADIC); a short period of a particular activity or that often starts suddenly	mutter	to speak or say sth in a quiet voice
luxuriant	rich in sth that is pleasant	spinster	a woman who is not married
judicial expression of alertness	expression a judge might make as he listens to evidence in a court of law	hostility	unfriendly or aggressive feelings or behaviour
eminently exalted	very; extremely of high rank, position or great importance	meringue	a small cake
strain	worry / anxiety / tension	vicious	violent and cruel = BRUTAL
colander	<i>cedilo</i>	unpleasant	not kind, friendly or polite
inhibit	to prevent sth from happening or make it happen less frequently	tiresome	making you feel annoyed
allegiances	loyalties, principles	affliction	pain and suffering or sth that causes it
subtly	not noticeably or obviously	feeble	very weak; not effective; not showing determination or energy
brawl	to take part in a noisy and violent fight	endure	to experience and deal with sth that is painful or unpleasant, especially without complaining = BEAR
constituents	a person who lives, and can vote in a constituency	onslaught charger	a strong or violent attack a horse that a soldier or KNIGHT rode in battle in the past
squeamish	easily upset by unpleasant sights or situations	bellow	to shout in a loud deep voice, especially because you are angry
savage	fierce and violent	pledge to	a serious promise
ruthless	hard and cruel; determined to get what you want and not caring if you hurt other people	flabby	fat; weak
raid	a surprise visit	matelot	sailor
gatecrash	to go to a party or social event without being invited	caparisoned	in the past a caparisoned horse or other animal was one covered with a decorated cloth
well-bred	having good manners; (high social class)	spurt	a sudden increase in activity or emotion for a short period of time
despise	to dislike and have no respect for sb/sth	gasp	to want or need sth very badly
plunder	to steal things	purgative	a substance, especially a medicine, that causes your bowels to empty
revel	to enjoy sth very much	purgatory	any place or state of suffering
invader	an army that enters another country by force to take control of it	loathing	a strong feeling of hatred
irritable	getting annoyed easily	tranquil(lity)	quiet and peacefu
contempt	the feeling that sb/sth is without value and deserves no respect at all	plot	to make a secret plan to harm sb
glisten	to shine	villain	the main bad character in a story
frail	weak	vindictive	trying to harm or upset sb, or showing that you want to, because you think that they have harmed you
howl	to make a long, loud cry	expediency	an action that is useful or necessary for a particular purpose, but not always fair or right; tactical
outrage	a strong feeling of shock and anger	lusting for	to feel an extremely strong, especially sexual, desire for sb/sth
astonishment	very great surprise	slaughter	the cruel killing of large numbers of people at one time = MASSACRE
dread	to be very afraid of sth	registrar	a person whose job is to keep official records, especially of births, marriages and deaths
anticipate	to expect sth		
train of thought	the connected series of thoughts that are in your head at a particular time		
blank	showing no feeling, understanding or interest		
dumb	stupid		

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ACT III.

immerse in	to become or make sb completely involved in sth	tiddly	slightly drunk
unpremeditated	not planned in advance	lecherously	to surprise or shock sb so much that they cannot think clearly or speak to hang sth from sth else
pompous	pretentious	stun	to surprise or shock sb so much that they cannot think clearly or speak to hang sth from sth else
invocations	the act of asking for help	suspend	far away from places where other people live = ISOLATED
depraved	morally bad = WICKED, EVIL	remote	far away from places where other people live = ISOLATED
indulge in sth	to take part in an activity, especially one that is illegal	consent	agreement about sth
illicit	not allowed by the law = ILLEGAL	detest	to hate sb/sth very much
grafted sth (onto sth)	to make one idea, system, etc. become part of another one	macabre	unpleasant and strange because connected with death and frightening things
cockerel	a young male chicken	reproach	to blame or criticize sb for sth that they have done or not done, because you are disappointed in them
hatpin	a long pin, especially in the past, used for fastening a hat to your hair	over-emphatic	making it very clear what you mean by using forceful language
effigy	a statue of a famous person, a saint or a god	futile	having no purpose because there is no chance of success = POINTLESS
cochineal	a bright red substance used to give colour to food	utterly	absolutely
braces	straps for holding trousers/pants up	henchwoman	loyal supporter or trusty servant
defensive	behaving in a way that shows that you feel that people are criticizing you	ghastly	ill/sick or upset
parson	an Anglican VICAR or PARISH priest	relish	enjoy
kindliness	being kind	solemn	looking very serious
strum	play a guitar or similar instrument by moving your fingers up and down across the strings	virility	strength or energy
stooge	a performer in a show whose role is to appear silly so that the other performers can make jokes about him or her	weakling	a person who is not physically strong
geld	CASTRATE	fatigue	a feeling of being extremely tired
menage	all the people who live together in one house = HOUSEHOLD	snug	warm, comfortable and protected, especially from the cold = COSY
grapple	to take a firm hold of sb/sth and struggle with them	soppy	silly and SENTIMENTAL; full of unnecessary emotion
supreme	very great	steel traps	a piece of equipment for catching animals
topple	to become unsteady and fall down		
scruffy	dirty or untidy		
ungroomed			
inglorious	causing feelings of shame		
wryly	showing that you are both amused and disappointed or annoyed		
frown	to make a serious, angry or worried expression (<i>mrščiti se</i>)		
preside	lead or be in charge of a meeting, ceremony, etc		
stir	to make sb excited or make them feel sth strongly		
opponent	a person that you are playing or fighting against		
victorious	having won a victory		
heartily	with obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm		