



Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

Vocabulary List

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These words are chosen for you for a number of reasons: First, these are commonly used words in college-level reading and in works of contemporary (as well as older) literature. Second, these words all commonly appear on the PSAT, SAT, and ACT exams. You need to know the definitions of these words and how to use them – not just for this vocabulary test, but forever. These are not bizarre, obscure words.

The following two word lists include vocabulary taken from Great Expectations. The definitions can be found on the [Great Expectations flashcard deck](#) at Dictionary.com.

explicit
disconsolate
gloat
imperious
allude
conciliatory
surmise

prodigious
commiserate
abhorrence
desolation
expend
morose
corroborate

vicarious
larceny
appall
execrate
discernible
aversion
indiscriminate

ravenous
consternation
omnipotent
grovel
elate
ignominious
acquiesce

altercation
plaintive
dexterous
constrain
impartial
paroxysm

imperceptible
disinterest
magnanimous
discomfit
copious
culminate

injudicious
stipulation
beguile
discretion
waive
thwart

supercilious
brazen
irresolute
ineffectual
singularity
diffidence

Vocabulary tests may include word-definition matching, complete-the-sentence questions, and write-out-the-definition questions. Some of the sentences may come directly from the reading.