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- **The A Class Track 4 Speaking Progress Test exam lists are announced on June 3rd.**
- **Details about the IGUGET exam are shared with students on June 4th.**
- **Erasmus exam results are announced on June 4th.**
- **The appeal forms for Erasmus exam results are shared with students on June 4th.**
- **Details about the B class IGUGET exam are shared with students on June 6th.**
- **Track 4 online assignment appeal forms are shared with students on June 10th.**
- **Details about the IGUGET exam which will be held on June 13th are shared with students on June 10th.**
- **The B class Track 4 Progress Test exam student lists are announced on June 11th.**
- **The B class Track 4 Quiz appeal forms are announced on June 14th.**

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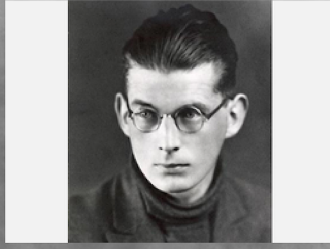


Samuel Barclay Beckett (1906-1989)



Samuel Beckett (born April 13, 1906, Foxrock, County Dublin, Ireland—died December 22, 1989, Paris, France) was an author, critic, and playwright, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1969.

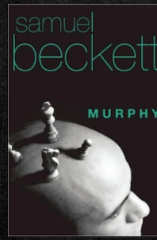
He is the second son of William and Mary Roe Beckett. He studies French and Italian at Trinity College in Dublin from 1923 to 1927. In 1927 he earns his BA degree.



While living in Paris, he was influenced by another Irish writer James Joyce. “He becomes involved in the literary life of Paris and meets James Joyce” (Graver and Federman, 2005).

Nevertheless, Beckett longs for having his own voice and mentions about his being impacted by James Joyce in one of writings to his friend:

“I vow I will get over J.J. ere I die. Yessir” (McDonald, 2006).



***Murphy* is the first encounter readers have with Beckett's fiction, which was written in 1938. In contrast to most of other works of Beckett that were written in French, *Murphy* was written in English. It is an example of Beckett's interest in game of chess.**



He owes his fame to his play, “Waiting for Godot”, which was first performed in 1953. The plot is so simple: “The scene, and the action (or lack of it), are unmistakable: a bare country road with a mound and a tree, two elderly tramps wait for their appointment with a man called Godot, who never comes” (Mc Donald, 2006).

It has been a controversial issue about what Godot is. Most people share view that Godot stands for God. On the contrary, Beckett lets them down by saying: "had I meant God I would have said God and not Godot" (McDonald, 2006).



It is possible to say that having witnessed the World War II, people lose their faith in religion and try to find something to hold on. In his play, Beckett keeps his characters busy with waiting so that they can live on just like human beings. In other words, he asks an existential question:

"Why do humans exist?"

French theatre critic Sylvain Zegel points out that: "These two men are feeble and energetic, cowardly

and courageous; they bicker, amuse themselves, are bored, speak to each other without understanding. They do all this to keep busy. To pass time. To live or to give themselves the illusion that they are living. They are certain of only one thing: they are waiting for Godot. Who is Godot? They don't know" (1953).

70 years of waiting: It has been 70 years since it was performed for the first time.

Did you know?



- **The original name for butterfly was flutterby.**



- **The phrase “long time no see” is believed to be literal translation of a Native American or Chinese phrase as it is not grammatically correct.**

English Idioms

My hands are tied.

not being able to behave freely due to some restrictions such as rules or laws.



In the driver's seat.

to be in control or in charge of a situation.



English Riddles



**"This thing all things devours:
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;
Gnaws iron, bites steel;
Grinds hard stones to meal;
Slays king, ruins town,
And beats mountain down."
—"The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien
Answer: Time.**

**"Voiceless it cries,
Wingless flutters,
Toothless bites,
Mouthless mutters."
—"The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien
Answer: Wind.**



Our Staff's Academic Activities

In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors.



Webinars

Webinars and events take place on a regular basis because the need for being up to date when it comes to teaching in the 21st century, makes seminars an inseparable part of professional development. For a detailed list of webinars on English language teaching, you can visit the following website:

<https://webinars.eltngl.com>

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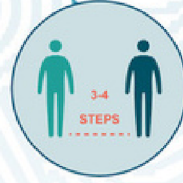
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COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH DISPOSABLE PAPER TISSUES DURING COUGHING AND SNEEZING. IF THERE IS NO TISSUE, USE THE INNER SIDE OF YOUR ELBOW.



AVOID CLOSE CONTACT SUCH AS HANDSHAKING AND HUGGING.



AVOID CROWDED PLACES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



DO NOT TOUCH YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND EYES WITH DIRTY HANDS.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH WATER AND REGULAR SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.



USE HAND SANITIZER IF THERE IS NO WATER AND SOAP.