

VOCABULARY - *The Catcher in the Rye*

Chapters 1 - 4 Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. . . . my parents would have about two hemorrhages apiece if I told anything personal about them.

2. The whole team ostracized me the whole way back on the train.

3. Do you have any particular qualms about leaving Pencey?

4. . . . he made us have compulsory study hall in the academic building

5. I started groping around in front of me, like a blind guy, but without getting up or anything.

6. I was pretty sadistic with him quite often.

7. It was very ironical. It really was. "I'm the one that's flunking out of the goddam place, and you're asking me to write you a goddam composition," I said.

8. All I need's an audience. I'm an exhibitionist.

Part II: Determining the Meaning: Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. hemorrhages | A. Getting pleasure from inflicting pain on others |
| ___ 2. ostracized | B. One who likes to show off and get attention |
| ___ 3. qualms | C. Bursting of blood vessels |
| ___ 4. compulsory | D. Meaning the opposite of what is expressed |
| ___ 5. groping | E. Shunned; excluded; left out |
| ___ 6. sadistic | F. Reaching blindly |
| ___ 7. ironical | G. Feelings of doubt |
| ___ 8. exhibitionist | H. Required; must be done |

Vocabulary - *The Catcher in the Rye* Chapters 5 - 9

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

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9. If you knew Stradlater, you'd have been worried, too. . . . He was unscrupulous.

10. It partly scared me and it partly fascinated me.

11. I'm not too tough. I'm a pacifist if you want to know the truth.

12. My grandmother'd just sent me a wad about a week before. I have this grandmother that's quite lavish with her dough.

13. It's not a paradise or anything, but it's as good as most schools. Some of the faculty are pretty conscientious.

14. Well, a bunch of us wanted old Ernie to be president of the class. I mean he was the unanimous choice.

15. . . . I don't want to stay at any hotels on the East Side where I might run into some acquaintances of mine. I'm traveling incognito.

Part II: Determining the Meaning: Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 9. unscrupulous | A. Attentive to duty; diligent |
| ___ 10. fascinated | B. In disguise |
| ___ 11. pacifist | C. Having no moral code; unprincipled |
| ___ 12. lavish | D. Generous or liberal in giving or spending |
| ___ 13. conscientious | E. Held the attention of; captivated |
| ___ 14. unanimous | F. One who opposes the use of force under any circumstances |
| ___ 15. incognito | G. Showing or based on total agreement |

Vocabulary - *The Catcher in the Rye* Chapters 10 - 13

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

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16. The band was putrid. Buddy singer. Very brassy, but not good brassy--corny brassy.
17. . . . the whole summer long we played tennis together almost every morning and golf almost every afternoon. I really got to know her quite intimately.
18. . . . old Ernie turned around on his stool and gave this very phony, humble bow.
19. One thing I have, it's a terrific capacity. I can drink all night and not even show it, if I'm in the mood.
20. He got stinking, but I hardly didn't even show it. I just got very cool and nonchalant.
21. Do you mind getting me my frock?

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 16. putrid | A. Ability to contain, absorb, receive and hold |
| ___ 17. intimately | B. Rotten |
| ___ 18. humble | C. Showing a lack of concern; casual indifference |
| ___ 19. capacity | D. Coat; cloak |
| ___ 20. nonchalant | E. Privately, personally, very closely |
| ___ 21. frock | F. Lowly; unpretentious |

Vocabulary - *The Catcher in the Rye* Chapters 14 - 17

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Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

22. . . . I'm sort of an atheist. I like Jesus and all, but I don't care too much for most of the other stuff in the Bible.
23. . . . He picked them at random. I said He didn't have time to go around analyzing everybody.
24. He was always saying snotty things about them, my suitcases for instance. He kept saying they were too new and bourgeois.
25. She'd hand in her basket and then go someplace swanky for lunch. That's what I liked about those nuns. You could tell, for one thing, that they never went anywhere swanky for lunch. It made me so damn sad when I thought about it, their never going anywhere swanky for lunch or anything.
26. . . . he was one of the biggest bores I ever met. He had one of those very raspy voices, and he never stopped talking, practically.
27. He was with some gorgeous blonde, and the two of them were trying to be very blase' and all, like as if he didn't even know people were looking at him.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 22. atheist | A. Smug, conventional, materialistic |
| ___ 23. random | B. Grating |
| ___ 24. bourgeois | C. A person who believes there is no God |
| ___ 25. swanky | D. Having done something so much as to be bored by it |
| ___ 26. blase' | E. Expensive and showy |
| ___ 27. raspy | F. Haphazardly; by chance |

Vocabulary - *The Catcher in the Rye* Chapters 18 - 21

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Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

28. Jane said he wasn't a show-off. She said he had an inferiority complex.
29. The bartender was a louse, too.
30. He kept telling her she had aristocratic hands.
31. . . . I was careful as hell not to get boisterous or anything. I didn't want anybody to notice me
32. All of them swimming around in a goddam pot of tea and saying sophisticated stuff to each other and being charming and phony.
33. I have this one stupid aunt with halitosis that kept saying how *peaceful* he looked lying there.

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 28. inferiority | A. Noisy and unruly |
| ___ 29. louse | B. Of an upper class; distinguished |
| ___ 30. aristocratic | C. Bad smelling breath |
| ___ 31. boisterous | D. Strong feelings of inadequacy |
| ___ 32. sophisticated | E. A person regarded as mean or contemptible |
| ___ 33. halitosis | F. Worldly wise; refined |

Vocabulary - *The Catcher in the Rye* Chapters 22 - 26

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34. All they did with the guys that were in the room with him was expel them. They didn't even go to jail.
35. She gets headaches quite frequently.
36. And if the boy digresses at all, you're supposed to yell. "Digression!" at him as fast as you can.
37. Holden . . . One short, faintly stuffy, pedagogical question. Don't you think there's a time and place for everything?
38. Or you may end up in some business office, throwing paper clips at the nearest stenographer.
39. You'll learn from them--if you want to. Just as someday, if you have something to offer, someone will learn something from you. It's a beautiful reciprocal arrangement.

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| ___ 34. expel | A. Strays temporarily from the main topic |
| ___ 35. frequently | B. Characteristic of teaching or teachers |
| ___ 36. digresses | C. Interchangeable; complimentary |
| ___ 37. pedagogical | D. Often |
| ___ 38. stenographer | E. One who takes shorthand |
| ___ 39. reciprocal | F. Push out by force |