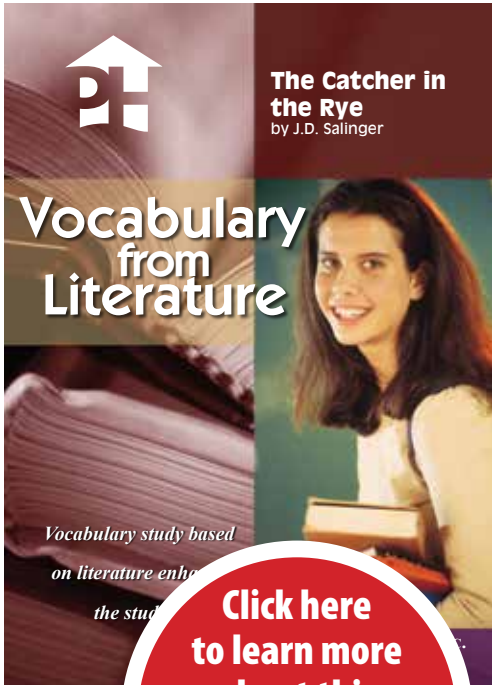




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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 1–5

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word appears in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then, look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

innumerable (11)	sarcastic (11)	sheer (16)	qualms (14)
chiffonier (11)	ironical (9)	monotonous (37)	illiterate (18)
goner (20)	sadist (22)	galoshes (36)	liable (16)

1. _____ a manner of making remarks meant to hurt or to scorn
2. _____ having a meaning that is contrary to what is expected
3. _____ a dresser; chest of drawers
4. _____ too many to count
5. _____ serious doubts
6. _____ complete; total
7. _____ unable to read or write
8. _____ a sure loser
9. _____ likely
10. _____ one who enjoys tormenting others
11. _____ waterproof boots worn over the shoes
12. _____ boring; repetitive

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2. Then he said, “I had the **privilege** of meeting your mother and dad when they had their little chat with Dr. Thurmer some weeks ago. They’re **grand** people.”
“Yes, they are. They’re very nice.”
Grand. There’s a word I really hate. It’s a phony. I could puke every time I hear it. (Pgs. 9–10)

privilege:

grand:

3. The funny thing is, though, I was sort of thinking of something else while I shot the bull. I live in New York, and I was thinking about the **lagoon** in Central Park, down near Central Park South. I was wondering if it would be frozen over when I got home, and if it was, where did the ducks go. (Pg. 13)

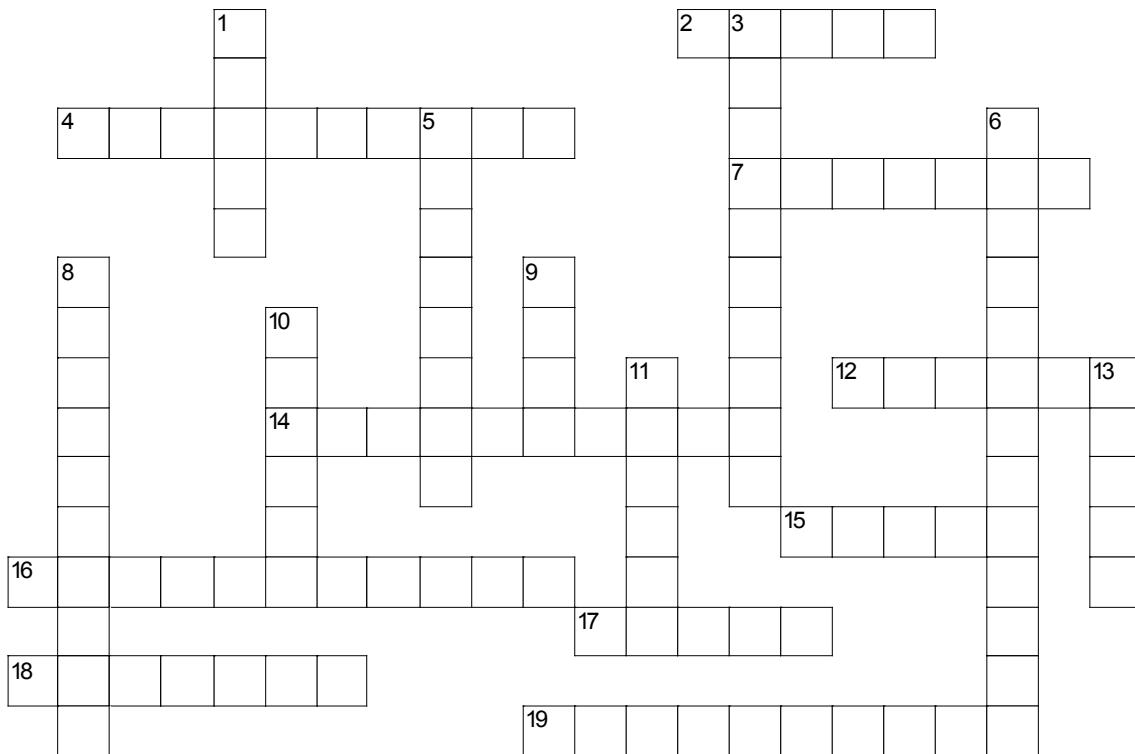
lagoon:

4. That stuff gives me a bang sometimes. Besides, I know it annoyed the hell out of old Ackley. He always brought out the old **sadist** in me. I was pretty sadistic with him quite often. Finally, I quit, though. (Pg. 22)

sadist:

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Activity VI
Crossword Puzzle for
Chapters 1–5



Across

- 2. a sure loser
- 4. unable to read or write
- 7. a platform
- 12. one who enjoys tormenting others
- 14. unable to read or write
- 15. complete; total
- 16. too many to count
- 17. an addition to an existing building
- 18. the sport of sword fighting
- 19. required

Down

- 1. light weight swords used in fencing
- 3. shunned; avoided by others in a group as punishment
- 5. relating to studies at school
- 6. the story of a writer's own life
- 8. a dresser; chest of drawers
- 9. to annoy; upset
- 10. a disease similar to the flu
- 11. a small, shallow body of water
- 13. the body, not including arms, legs, and head

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Activity I
Matching Definitions
Chapters 12–16

Directions: Match each of the words below with its definition based on the context in which the word occurs in the book. Use the page numbers in parentheses to locate the word. Then look up the word in the dictionary, and change any answers that are not correct.

principles (91)	pansy (87)	touchy (82)	investing (107)
appeal (122)	distinctly (101)	particular (92)	bourgeois (108)
chisel (101)	château (93)	rubbernecks (104)	swanky (114)

1. _____ overly sensitive
2. _____ using or giving something for a purpose
3. _____ a weakling
4. _____ to be pleasing or interesting
5. _____ personal rules for correct behavior
6. _____ clearly
7. _____ expensive; fancy
8. _____ to cheat, rob or steal
9. _____ people who watch or stare excessively
10. _____ a large, expensive country house
11. _____ relating to an exact person or thing
12. _____ the middle-class; stuffy; conventional