The catcher in the rye

[**hemorrhage**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hemorrhage) **the flow of blood from a ruptured blood vessel**

[**splendid**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/splendid) **very good;of the highest quality**

[**commit**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/commit) **perform an act, usually with a negative connotation**

[**scrawny**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scrawny) **inferior in size or quality**

[**phony**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/phony) **fraudulent; having a misleading appearance**

[**ostracize**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ostracize) **expel from a community or group**

[**academic**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/academic) **associated with academia or an academy**

[**posture**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/posture) **the arrangement of the body and its limbs**

[**chuckle**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/chuckle) **laugh quietly or with restraint**

[**irritated**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/irritated) **aroused to impatience or anger**

[**reside**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/reside) **live (in a certain place)**

[**latter**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/latter) **referring to the second of two things or persons mentioned (or the last one or ones of several)**

[**innumerable**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/innumerable) **too numerous to be counted**

[**lagoon**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/lagoon) **a body of water cut off from a larger body by a reef of sand or coral**

[**qualm**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/qualm) **uneasiness about the fitness of an action**

[**sheer**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sheer) **complete and without restriction or qualification; sometimes used informally as intensifiers**

[**undertaking**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/undertaking) **the trade of a funeral director**

[**swell**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/swell) **very good**

[**crude**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/crude) **conspicuously and tastelessly indecent**

[**rostrum**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/rostrum) **a platform raised above the surrounding level to give prominence to the person on it**

[**compulsory**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/compulsory) **required by rule**

[**illiterate**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/illiterate) **lacking culture, especially in language and literature**

[**peculiar**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/peculiar) **markedly different from the usual**

[**hoarse**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hoarse) **deep and harsh sounding as if from shouting or illness or emotion**

[**grope**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/grope) **feel about uncertainly or blindly**

[**sadistic**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sadistic) **deriving pleasure or sexual gratification from inflicting pain on another**

[**falsetto**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/falsetto) **artificially high; above the normal voice range**

[**conceited**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/conceited) **characteristic of false pride; having an exaggerated sense of self-importance**

[**aggravate**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/aggravate) **exasperate or irritate**

[**broad**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/broad) **having great (or a certain) extent from one side to the other**

[**torso**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/torso) **the body excluding the head and neck and limbs**

[**flatter**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/flatter) **praise somewhat dishonestly**

[**liberate**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/liberate) **grant freedom to; free from confinement**

[**rile**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/rile) **cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations**

[**fiend**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fiend) **a person motivated by irrational enthusiasm (as for a cause)**

[**monotonous**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/monotonous) **sounded or spoken in a tone unvarying in pitch**

[**halitosis**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/halitosis) **offensive breath**

[**corridor**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/corridor) **an enclosed passageway; rooms usually open onto it**

[**unscrupulous**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/unscrupulous) **without scruples or principles**

[**gripe**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/gripe) **complain**

[**morgue**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/morgue) **a building (or room) where dead bodies are kept before burial or cremation**

[**composition**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/composition) **an essay (especially one written as an assignment)**

[**stroke**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/stroke) **touch lightly and repeatedly, as with brushing motions**

[**fracture**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fracture) **break (a bone)**

[**pacifist**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/pacifist) **someone opposed to violence as a means of settling disputes**

[**witty**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/witty) **combining clever conception and facetious expression**

[**stark**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/stark) **complete or extreme**

[**hospitality**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hospitality) **kindness in welcoming guests or strangers**

[**sincere**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sincere) **open and genuine; not deceitful**

[**monastery**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/monastery) **the residence of a religious community**

[**hysterical**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hysterical) **marked by excessive or uncontrollable emotion**

[**rapid**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/rapid) **characterized by speed; moving with or capable of moving with high speed**

[**lavish**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/lavish) **very generous**

[**conscientious**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/conscientious) **characterized by extreme care and great effort**

[**adore**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/adore) **love intensely**

[**adapt**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/adapt) **make fit for, or change to suit a new purpose**

[**unanimous**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/unanimous) **in complete agreement**

[**modest**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/modest) **humble in spirit or manner; suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness**

[**matinee**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/matinee) **a theatrical performance held during the daytime (especially in the afternoon)**

[**incognito**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/incognito) **without revealing one's identity**

[**distinguished**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/distinguished) **(used of persons) standing above others in character or attainment or reputation**

[**burlesque**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/burlesque) **a theatrical entertainment of broad and earthy humor; consists of comic skits and short turns (and sometimes striptease)**

[**suave**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/suave) **having a sophisticated charm**

[**psychic**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/psychic) **a person apparently sensitive to things beyond the natural range of perception**

[**affectionate**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/affectionate) **having or displaying warmth or affection**

[**putrid**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/putrid) **in an advanced state of decomposition and having a foul odor**

[**intoxicate**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/intoxicate) **make drunk (with alcoholic drinks)**

[**verification**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/verification) **additional proof that something that was believed (some fact or hypothesis or theory) is correct**

[**fond**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fond) **(followed by `of' or `to') having a strong preference or liking for**

[**strain**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/strain) **to exert much effort or energy**

[**conversationalist**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/conversationalist) **someone skilled at conversation**

[**flock**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/flock) **(often followed by `of') a large number or amount or extent**

[**sterling**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sterling) **highest in quality**

[**stance**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/stance) **standing posture**

[**snub**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/snub) **reject outright and bluntly**

[**pore**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/pore) **any small opening in the skin or outer surface of an animal**

[**fare**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fare) **the sum charged for riding in a public conveyance**

[**ripple**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ripple) **(electronics) an oscillation of small amplitude imposed on top of a steady value**

[**humble**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/humble) **marked by meekness or modesty; not arrogant or prideful**

[**marvelous**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/marvelous) **extraordinarily good or great ; used especially as intensifiers**

[**crooked**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/crooked) **not straight; dishonest or immoral or evasive**

[**nonchalant**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/nonchalant) **marked by blithe unconcern**

[**principle**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/principle) **rule of personal conduct**

[**sophisticated**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sophisticated) **having or appealing to those having worldly knowledge and refinement and savoir-faire**

[**recuperate**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/recuperate) **get over an illness or shock**

[**seldom**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/seldom) **not often**

[**premature**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/premature) **too soon or too hasty**

[**disciple**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/disciple) **someone who believes and helps to spread the doctrine of another**

[**lunatic**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/lunatic) **an insane person**

[**chisel**](http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/chisel) **engage in deceitful behavior; practice trickery or frau**