

The catcher in the rye

hemorrhage the flow of blood from a ruptured blood vessel

splendid very good; of the highest quality

commit perform an act, usually with a negative connotation

scrawny inferior in size or quality

phony fraudulent; having a misleading appearance

ostracize expel from a community or group

academic associated with academia or an academy

posture the arrangement of the body and its limbs

chuckle laugh quietly or with restraint

irritated aroused to impatience or anger

reside live (in a certain place)

latter referring to the second of two things or persons mentioned (or the last one or ones of several)

innumerable too numerous to be counted

lagoon a body of water cut off from a larger body by a reef of sand or coral

qualm uneasiness about the fitness of an action

sheer complete and without restriction or qualification; sometimes used informally as intensifiers

undertaking the trade of a funeral director

swell very good

crude conspicuously and tastelessly indecent

rostrum a platform raised above the surrounding level to give prominence to the person on it

compulsory required by rule

illiterate lacking culture, especially in language and literature

peculiar markedly different from the usual

hoarse deep and harsh sounding as if from shouting or illness or emotion

grope feel about uncertainly or blindly

sadistic deriving pleasure or sexual gratification from inflicting pain on another

falsetto artificially high; above the normal voice range

conceited characteristic of false pride; having an exaggerated sense of self-importance

aggravate exasperate or irritate

broad having great (or a certain) extent from one side to the other

torso the body excluding the head and neck and limbs

flatter praise somewhat dishonestly

liberate grant freedom to; free from confinement

rile cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations

fiend a person motivated by irrational enthusiasm (as for a cause)

monotonous sounded or spoken in a tone unvarying in pitch

halitosis offensive breath

corridor an enclosed passageway; rooms usually open onto it

unscrupulous without scruples or principles

gripe complain

morgue a building (or room) where dead bodies are kept before burial or cremation

composition an essay (especially one written as an assignment)

stroke touch lightly and repeatedly, as with brushing motions

fracture break (a bone)

pacifist someone opposed to violence as a means of settling disputes

witty combining clever conception and facetious expression

stark complete or extreme

hospitality kindness in welcoming guests or strangers

sincere open and genuine; not deceitful

monastery the residence of a religious community

hysterical marked by excessive or uncontrollable emotion

rapid characterized by speed; moving with or capable of moving with high speed

lavish very generous

conscientious characterized by extreme care and great effort

adore love intensely

adapt make fit for, or change to suit a new purpose

unanimous in complete agreement

modest humble in spirit or manner; suggesting retiring mildness or even cowed submissiveness

matinee a theatrical performance held during the daytime (especially in the afternoon)

incognito without revealing one's identity

distinguished (used of persons) standing above others in character or attainment or reputation

burlesque a theatrical entertainment of broad and earthy humor; consists of comic skits and short turns (and sometimes striptease)

suave having a sophisticated charm

psychic a person apparently sensitive to things beyond the natural range of perception

affectionate having or displaying warmth or affection

putrid in an advanced state of decomposition and having a foul odor

intoxicate make drunk (with alcoholic drinks)

verification additional proof that something that was believed (some fact or hypothesis or theory) is correct

fond (followed by `of' or `to') having a strong preference or liking for

strain to exert much effort or energy

conversationalist someone skilled at conversation

flock (often followed by `of') a large number or amount or extent

sterling highest in quality

stance standing posture

snub reject outright and bluntly

pore any small opening in the skin or outer surface of an animal

fare the sum charged for riding in a public conveyance

ripple (electronics) an oscillation of small amplitude imposed on top of a steady value

humble marked by meekness or modesty; not arrogant or prideful

marvelous extraordinarily good or great ; used especially as intensifiers

crooked not straight; dishonest or immoral or evasive

nonchalant marked by blithe unconcern

principle rule of personal conduct

sophisticated having or appealing to those having worldly knowledge and refinement and savoir-faire

recuperate get over an illness or shock

seldom not often

premature too soon or too hasty

disciple someone who believes and helps to spread the doctrine of another

lunatic an insane person

chisel engage in deceitful behavior; practice trickery or fraud