

"Catching on to Catcher in the Rye"**lessons on The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger***Developed by Sandy Scragg*www.sandyscragg.com

Holdenspeak Quiz

In groups, students will review slang from the novel with the activity below. (An answer key follows after the assignment.)

Match the "Holden word" on the left with the meaning on the right:

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| 1. lousy | A. thrown out |
| 2. touchy | B. money |
| 3. crumby | C. crazy person |
| 4. very big deal | D. impressed with |
| 5. dough | E. good, nice |
| 6. It killed me. | F. excited by something |
| 7. flunk | G. garbage |
| 8. stiff | H. got me angry |
| 9. madman | I. dirty, not well-kept |
| 10. moron | J. very |
| 11. strictly for the birds | K. got upset |
| 12. hot-shot | L. play, fool around |
| 13. kick out of it | M. important, significant |
| 14. crap | N. loud noise, commotion |
| 15. corny | O. sensitive |
| 16. phony | P. fail |
| 17. got the ax | Q. stupid, idiot |
| 18. get a bang | R. excited by something |
| 19. shoot the bull | S. dead body |
| 20. _____ as hell | T. phone call |
| 21. chucked | U. not nice |
| 22. knocks me out | V. threw |
| 23. swanky | W. hypocrite, two-faced |
| 24. racket | X. important person |
| 25. made a stink | Y. not cool, old-fashioned |
| 26. it stinks | Z. telling lies, small talk |
| 27. swell | AA. very nice, fancy |
| 28. horse around | BB. affected by something |
| 29. drove me crazy | CC. it's not nice, it's not good |
| 30. a buzz | DD. of no interest |

Teacher Answer Key:

1-U, 2-O, 3-I, 4-M, 5-B, 6-D, 7-P, 8-S, 9-C, 10-Q, 11-DD, 12-X, 13-F, 14-G, 15-Y, 16-W, 17-A, 18-R, 19-Z, 20-J, 21-V, 22-BB, 23-AA, 24-N, 25-K, 26-CC, 27-E, 28-L, 29-H, 30-T

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