

1. DEFINE THE FOLLOWING WORDS OR PHRASES FROM CHAPTER 14:

BB gun:

Chisel:

As a hole in the head:

Rough up:

Let down:

Yell (one's) head off:

See eye to eye:

Crook:

Holy Joe:

Dough:

Crumb-bum:

Scraggy:

Lousy:

Dime:

To be yellow:

Duck:

Pimpy:

Hold onto:

Crumby:

Stagger:

Cut the crap:

Rubberneck:

2. THE FOLLOWING WORDS ARE INCORRECT. LOOK FOR THEM IN THE TEXT, WRITE DOWN WHO SAID THEM, AND CORRECT THEM:

Words	Correct spelling	Who says it
<i>wuddaya</i>		
<i>Tole ya</i>		
<i>Sonuva...</i>		
<i>Gotta</i>		
<i>Tryna</i>		
<i>Gonna</i>		
<i>Inna</i>		
<i>Wanna</i>		
<i>goddam</i>		
<i>wutchamacallit</i>		
<i>awreddy</i>		
<i>C'mon</i>		

3. LOOK AT THESE SENTENCES TAKEN FROM THE TEXT, AND SAY IF THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE:

"Go ahead. Yell your goddam head off. Fine," old Maurice said. "Want your parents to know you spent the night with a whore? High-class kid like you?" He was pretty sharp, in his crumby way. He really was.

Then Sunny said something for the first time. "Hey, Maurice. Want me to get his wallet?" she said. "It's right on the wutchamacallit."

4. ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT CHAPTER 14:

1. After Sunny leaves Holden's room, whom does he begin talking to?
2. What is it that Holden finds disturbing about Jesus' disciples?
3. How does Holden's belief about Judas differ from that of his friend Arthur Childs?
4. How does Holden say that Jesus chose his disciples?
5. How does Holden know who is knocking on his door even before opening it?
6. Why do Maurice and Sunny return to Holden's room?
7. What is it about ministers that Holden does not like?
8. How does Maurice respond when Holden says that he is going to scream his head off if Maurice roughs him up?
9. What religion are the children in Holden's family?
10. What excuse does Holden give for not committing suicide by jumping out the window?

SUMMARY

Alone in his hotel room once again, [Holden](#) starts talking aloud to [Allie](#). He does this sometimes when he feels very depressed. When Holden speaks to his dead brother, he remembers a time when he told Allie that he couldn't come biking with Holden and his friend in Maine. At the time, Allie was very disappointed but didn't argue, but now Holden wishes he had included him. For this reason, he talks to Allie when he gets sad, telling him to go get his bike. Getting into bed after saying this, Holden tries to pray but finds himself unable to get into the right mindset, mostly because he is "sort of an atheist" and tends to dislike religion because most ministers he's met speak in a phony tone of voice.

Unable to sleep, [Holden](#) lights a cigarette and sits on the bed smoking until a knock sounds on the door. Jumping up, he opens the door to find [Maurice](#) and [Sunny](#). Maurice demands \$5, claiming that he and Holden had agreed that he would pay a grand total of \$10 to sleep with Sunny. Standing his ground, Holden refuses to pay Maurice more money, so Maurice pins him while Sunny takes his wallet. At this point, Holden begins to cry and accuses Sunny and Maurice of stealing from him, so Maurice pushes him. Still, Holden continues to disparage them, so Maurice snaps his fingers against his crotch. Furious, Holden calls him a "dirty moron," prompting Maurice to punch him in the stomach. As he crumples to the floor, Sunny and Maurice leave with their five extra dollars.

When [Sunny](#) and [Maurice](#) leave, [Holden](#) imagines that he's in an action movie, pretending that he's been shot in the gut by an enemy. Walking around the room with his hand over his make-believe bullet wound, he envisions how he would take his revenge if he were a true action hero, but this fantasy soon dissolves, leaving him even more depressed than before. Getting back in bed, he briefly feels like committing suicide by jumping out the window, telling himself that he would really do this if he knew somebody would put a blanket over his body so people couldn't gape at him when he landed.

KEY

Words	Correct spelling	Who says it
<i>wuddaya</i>	<i>What do you</i>	<i>Holden</i>
<i>Tole ya</i>	<i>Told you</i>	<i>Maurice</i>
<i>Sonuva...</i>	<i>Son of a...</i>	<i>Holden</i>
<i>Gotta</i>	<i>Got to</i>	<i>Maurice</i>
<i>Tryna</i>	<i>Trying to</i>	<i>Maurice</i>
<i>Gonna</i>	<i>Going to</i>	<i>Maurice</i>
<i>Inna</i>	<i>I am going to</i>	<i>Maurice</i>
<i>Wanna</i>	<i>Want to</i>	<i>Maurice</i>
<i>goddam</i>	<i>God damn</i>	<i>Holden/ Maurice</i>
<i>wutchamacallit</i>	<i>what you may call it</i>	<i>Sunny</i>
<i>awreddy</i>	<i>Already</i>	<i>Sunny</i>
<i>C'mon</i>	<i>Come on</i>	<i>Sunny</i>

Ex. 4

1. After Sunny leaves Holden's room, whom does he begin talking to?
1. Holden begins talking to his dead brother, Allie.
2. What is it that Holden finds disturbing about Jesus' disciples?
2. Holden is disturbed that, although Jesus' disciples were all right after He died, they kept letting Him down while He was alive.
3. How does Holden's belief about Judas differ from that of his friend Arthur Childs?
3. Holden believes that Jesus did not send Judas to Hell for betraying Him and committing suicide. Arthur Childs believes that Judas was sent to Hell.
4. How does Holden say that Jesus chose his disciples?
4. Holden says that Jesus chose his disciples at random.
5. How does Holden know who is knocking on his door even before opening it?
5. Holden says he knows who is knocking at the door because he is psychic.
6. Why do Maurice and Sunny return to Holden's room?
6. Maurice and Sunny came to collect an additional five dollars for Sunny's services.
7. What is it about ministers that Holden does not like?
7. Holden does not like their phony "Holy Joe" voices.
8. How does Maurice respond when Holden says that he is going to scream his head off if Maurice roughs him up?
8. Maurice implies that he will notify Holden's parents that he has been with a prostitute.
9. What religion are the children in Holden's family?
9. The children in Holden's family are all atheists.
10. What excuse does Holden give for not committing suicide by jumping out the window?
10. Holden says that he does not "want a bunch of stupid rubbernecks looking at me when I was all gory."

SPEAKING

Theme: the use of misspelled words in the text

Use the words in exercise 3 so that they reflect on the intention of the author for using these misspellings.

Theme: Madness, Depression, Suicide

Use any quote from the beginning or the end of the chapter, where he verbalize depression and committing suicide.

Theme: Childhood and Growing Up

Use the beginning of the chapter, where he remembers his childhood with his brother.

