

Catcher in the Rye
Chapters 4-7

1. On p. 34, Holden says, “I kept thinking about Jane, and about Stradlater having a date with her and all. It made me so nervous I nearly went crazy.” Specifically, what concerns Holden about Stradlater’s date with Jane?
2. What does Holden’s reaction to Allie’s death (top of p. 39) reveal about Holden?
3. When Holden says, “It was a very stupid thing to do, I’ll admit, but I hardly didn’t even know I was doing it, and you didn’t know Allie.” (p. 39) Who is the “you” he is addressing?
4. Is Holden more like Stradlater or Ackley? How? Give at least two specific reasons.
5. Why does Holden suddenly decide to leave Pencey? (p. 51)
6. Reread the last paragraph on p. 52. How do Holden’s comments on p. 4 explain his behavior as he is leaving Pencey?