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Holden's Irony

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why is it ironic that Holden dislikes phonies?
 - A) He is always truthful and never lies
 - B) He sometimes acts like a phony himself
 - C) He only dislikes phonies in movies
 - D) He only lies to his family
2. What is ironic about Holden's dream of being "the catcher in the rye"?
 - A) He wants to protect children from growing up, but he is trying to act like an adult
 - B) He doesn't actually like children
 - C) He is the only child who needs help
 - D) He thinks children don't need any guidance
3. Why does Holden lie to the boy's mother on the train?
 - A) He enjoys making up stories
 - B) He doesn't remember the boy
 - C) He is trying to impress her
 - D) He wants to be kind to her
4. What contradiction exists in Holden's view of school?
 - A) He says he doesn't care about it, but he feels bad about failing
 - B) He only likes art class but dislikes everything else
 - C) He never studies but wants to be the best student
 - D) He wants to leave school but also wants to be a teacher
5. How does Holden feel about being alone?
 - A) He loves spending time by himself
 - B) He thinks loneliness is good for him
 - C) He feels lonely even though he says he doesn't like people
 - D) He never wants to make friends

