

Crooked Letter, Crooked letter by Tom Franklin. RC task and key.

Having read chapter one, fold the sheet along the vertical line and answer the questions. Or work with a partner and take turns asking and answering the questions.

Chapter one.

1. Who is Larry Ott?	A 41-years-old bachelor living alone in his parents' house in rural Mississippi far away from any neighbors.
2. What does he do for a living?	He is a mechanic and operates the garage he has taken over from his dad. He has few customers, mostly people passing by. Locals keep their distance.
3. What is his daily routine?	After feeding the chickens he meticulously takes care of, he has breakfast, watches the news on TV (learns that the Rutherford girl is still missing), picks up the mail, and then drives to the garage.
4. What does Larry enjoy doing in his spare time and also while waiting for customers?	He likes reading books. He is a member of several book clubs
5. Why does he go home that day only four hours later?	He received a call from his mom's nursing home. She seemed to have a good day that day, and he was asked to bring lunch.
6. What kind of nursing home does his mom live in?	It is a home for the poor, mostly blacks. Larry cannot afford anything better.
7. What is his relationship with his mom like?	He obviously cares a lot about her. She suffers from dementia and he wants to bring her a photo album hoping the photos might help her memory.
8. Why is it unwise for him in particular to drive too fast?	He is closely watched by the local police, because he is a "person of interest".
9. Why does the gun rack on his pick-up truck only hold an umbrella?	Larry isn't allowed to own a gun because of his past. Additionally, people haven't been allowed to display firearms since 9/11.
10. Why does the Gerald County chief investigator, Roy French, pay him regular visits with a search warrant?	25 years ago, Cindy Walker had gone missing during Larry's first and only date with a girl. Larry was never convicted, but remains the obvious suspect.
11. There is someone waiting for him when Larry returns home to get the photo album for his mom. What is this person wearing?	He's wearing a zombie mask Larry had owned as a kid and which, by the way, Roy French had never found when searching his closet.
12. What does the intruder accuse him of having done?	He maintains that Larry killed Cindy and has probably something to do with the case of the missing Rutherford girl too.
13. What does the monster do?	He shoots him in the chest.