*Read chapter 7.* ***How do the people listed below react to the news of Larry's date?*** *Fill in the boxes and use quotes.*

**How do Larry's parents and his classmates see him now?**

*To his parents, Larry seems to be turning into a normal teenager with social contacts.*

*Larry suddenly seems to have won his classmates' respect and even admiration.*

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**How is Larry feeling in the days before the date?**

*Larry himself just feels happy. At long last he seems to belong – his parents are proud of him and support him; at school he seems to have become "one of the lads"*

**Topics for discussion:**

* How does the prospect of the date with Cindy change Larry?
* How (or how much) might a successful date have shaped Larry's future life?

**Larry**

* *feels elated, happy ("…too happy to eat, a date the next day and friends to tell about it")*
* *dares to talk back to his classmates, sees he can earn their respect for his repartees*

🡺 **a feeling of belonging**

**Larry's classmates**

* *offer advice*
* *give Larry a condom*
* *accept him into their group*

🡺 **respect, even a little admiration, prepared to accept Larry as a peer**

**Carl Ott**

* *pleased with his son, offers Larry "the good car", gives him $20*
* *sexual innuendos ("it's got a bigger backseat")*

**🡺 relief and even a little pride that his son is finally "turning into a man"**

**Ina Ott**

* *happy, relieved*
* *anxious for Larry to do things properly ("be a gentleman")*

🡺 **relief (Have her prayers been heard?), teaches manners**