

**“Crooked Letter, Crooked letter” by Tom Franklin. Chapter Five, RC key.**

**I. True or false. Correct the wrong sentences in your own words.**

	true	false
1. On his first Saturday of summer vacation, Larry is anxious to go to the garage with his dad.		No, he is relieved when his dad claims he would just get in his way there.
2. His dad is glad Larry likes reading books.		No, he explicitly tells him to go outside and mow the grass, which actually means NOT to read.
3. When Larry tells his mom about Alice and her son, he fails his dad.	✓	
4. Larry and Silas have become friends and meet in the woods to shoot and fish.	✓	
5. When Silas tells Larry that his mom does not approve of their friendship, Larry can easily understand this.		No, he assumed she would be proud of her son having a white friend.
6. Silas enjoys reading the stories Larry has given to him.		No, he does not like reading and claims homework is enough.
7. When Larry asks him to give back the rifle, Silas accepts a knife in return.		No, he keeps the gun but also asks Larry to tell him about one of the Stephen King stories he had read.

**II. Multiple choice. Tick the correct box.**

1. Larry goes in the direction of Cindy’s house because	<input type="checkbox"/> she is the secret he wants to share with Silas.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> he doesn’t want his mom to see where he is really heading.
	<input type="checkbox"/> he wants to show off his .33 gun.
2. Larry is worried because	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> he is afraid he might lose Silas’ friendship.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cindy does not want to date him.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Silas could take Cindy away from him.
3. When Larry tells Silas the story of how Cecil pestered Cindy with his fireworks	<input type="checkbox"/> Silas can’t help laughing.
	<input type="checkbox"/> he still thinks it was funny.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silas remains silent.
4. When Cecil harasses Cindy	<input type="checkbox"/> the boys keep quiet.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Carl tries to calm Cecil down.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silas interferes and tells him to leave the girl alone.

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**III. Match the sentence halves. There are two too many on the right.**

	a) Larry’s mom threatens to leave her husband with Larry.
1. Larry understands that his father saw him at Cindy’s house	b) because Carl wants to invite the blacks for dinner some night.
2. Larry’s mom always stood by her son	c) when Carl uses foul language.
3. Larry’s mom asks God	d) when he aggressively asks him about his gun that same evening.
4. Learning about the whereabouts of Silas and his mother,	e) to heal her son and to send him a special friend.
	f) when he suffered from asthma and a stutter as a young boy.

1d); 2f); 3e); 4a);

**IV. Finish the sentences in your own words. (possible answers)**

1. Larry goes to Silas’s place because **he wants to get his father’s gun back.**
2. Carl has followed Larry and **makes the two boys fight each other over who should get the gun.**
3. Larry, overwhelmed by Silas, **calls him a nigger, and Silas suddenly shows the fierceness of the other black boys from school.**