

**“Crooked Letter, Crooked letter” by Tom Franklin. Chapter Eight, tandem.**

**Work with a partner. Fold the sheet along the vertical line. Partner A starts.**

Partner A	Partner B
<p><b>Why does Silas usually avoid the diner where he now meets up with his girlfriend Angie?</b></p> <p><i>It was the place his mom had worked in for more than 20 years. He now feels he can be closer to her, her secrets and his own.</i></p>	<p><b>What does Silas confide in Angie that makes him so sure Larry neither took Cindy nor killed the Rutherford girl?</b></p> <p><i>He used to be friends with Larry.</i></p>
<p><b>What did Larry do to make people aware of him at high school?</b></p> <p><i>He brought strange things to class e.g. snakes, and one day even a horror mask, which all the kids including the girls wanted to wear. He was asked to perform at the Church Haunted House, which he did with much success, but as soon as the party was over, nobody took notice of him any longer, and when he left everybody laughed at him.</i></p>	<p><b>What is Larry’s condition like when Silas goes to see him in the hospital?</b></p> <p><i>He’s in the intensive care unit. He had several operations, the bullet which had missed his heart by a small margin was removed, but during the operation he suffered a minor heart attack and had to be operated again. All in all, it’s unclear if he can make it.</i></p>
<p><b>What does Silas learn about Larry when he goes to see his mom in the nursing home?</b></p> <p><i>Larry took good care of his mom. He came to see her several times a week.</i></p>	<p><b>What does Silas remember about his youth when he leaves Mrs Ott?</b></p> <p><i>Once, when he and Larry mowed the grass, it became clear that Silas was much better at doing that kind of work, so Larry retreated with a book until his dad came, and Silas ran away. Mr. Ott praised Larry’s work not knowing who had really done it. Listening to this praise, Silas felt the absence of a father for the first time.</i></p>
<p><b>What has Silas learned by now?</b></p> <p><i>Carl Ott was his father.</i></p>	<p><b>What does Silas find when he goes into the old hunting cabin where he and his mom had lived?</b></p> <p><i>Someone has been inside, one of the windows has been forcefully opened. He inspects the inside and discovers smears where the intruder has tried to erase tracks. He discovers a grave.</i></p>