

## Reading test

Welcome to the novel 'Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter' by Tom Franklin. Make sure you have fully completed the novel to answer the following questions. Good luck!

1. The title's crooked letter is a memory trick for the letter '.....'.
2. Larry's profession is being a .....
3. Who is the following quote from: "I was in school with him's all. Knew him a little way back when"? .....
4. Underline which adjectives describe Larry best:
  - religious
  - modest
  - vain
  - lonely
  - infatuated
  - caring
5. Underline which adjectives describe Silas best:
  - rational
  - ambitious
  - shy
  - sensitive
  - hard-boiled
  - persistent
6. The place where Mrs. Ott spends her days:
  - geriatric hospital
  - nursing home
  - residence for the elderly
7. Mrs. Ott suffers from .....
8. When Silas and his mother first come to Chabot they live in a .....
9. Irina, Marsha and Olivia are examples of people who are disrespectfully called .....

10. Connect the characters with the suitable facts.

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Larry Ott            | • single mother                   |
| Silas '32' Jones     | • uprooted                        |
| Alice Jones          | • strange young fellow            |
| Carl Ott             | • half-brother                    |
| Ina Ott              | • stutter                         |
| Cindy Walker         | • white                           |
| Roy French           | • asthma                          |
| Wallace Stringfellow | • bullied at                      |
|                      | • no clear conscience             |
|                      | • horror books                    |
|                      | • constable                       |
|                      | • rejected                        |
|                      | • black                           |
|                      | • a Vietnam veteran               |
|                      | • knows how to handle snakes      |
|                      | • turns alcoholic                 |
|                      | • occasionally visits Larry       |
|                      | • baseball                        |
|                      | • caring                          |
|                      | • plans an escape                 |
|                      | • has a secret boyfriend          |
|                      | • competing                       |
|                      | • chief investigator              |
|                      | • had an affair with consequences |
|                      | • deteriorating health            |

11. The town clerk, Miss Voncille, sends Silas to somebody's .....  
because of a .....

12. The name of the missing 19-year-old college student is .....  
.....

13. Larry offers Silas

- his coat.
- a rifle.
- a baseball.
- school material.
- his gloves.

14. Silas lives in a .....

15. Larry adapts to the fierce racism of the other white boys from school when he calls Silas a ..... after being overwhelmed by Silas during the boys' fight.

16. When Cecil harasses Cindy

- Silas interferes and tells him to leave the girl alone.
- Carl Ott tries to calm his neighbour down.
- the boys keep quiet, huddle on the ground by the edge of the woods.

17. Leafing through old photographs Silas finds a photo showing ..... holding Larry as a baby.

18. Cindy may have been ..... at the time of her death.

19. Which feelings does Carl show towards his son having a date?

- discomfort
- confusion
- relief
- pride

20. Who does Silas confide in that he used to be friends with Larry? .....

21. When Silas goes into the old cabin he discovers a ..... with a .....

22. During his conversation with Wallace, Larry does not admit to anything about rape or murder. This is why Wallace becomes furious and damages Larry's .....

23. When Cindy and Silas finally met, they argued. Cindy wanted to leave for Chicago, but Silas .....

24. Who did Cindy meet after being brought by Larry?

- an unknown man
- Silas
- the Rutherford Mill's heir
- an older school mate

25. Silas finally tells Larry that they are .....

26. When Wallace Stringfellow's home is searched the police find

- firearms.
- pills.
- a baseball.
- the zombie mask.
- cocaine.
- the killed girl's wallet.

27. The fact that while Larry is at hospital Silas takes care of Larry's house and the chickens shows that Silas has a bad .....

28. Why does Larry walk the long miles to his shop?

- There is no taxi service.
- Silas is late.
- He does not have any money.
- He wants to avoid the reporters.

29. During the ride home Silas and Larry talk about

- the chickens.
- nothing.
- Larry's injuries.

30. The reason why Larry wants to call Silas the next morning is

- to thank him for the satellite television.
- to talk about their past.
- to make him get a carburetor.