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

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|  | true | false |
| 1. When Larry visits his mom in the nursing home, he doesn’t tell her about the missing things in the barn in order not to alert her.
 |  | He DOES tell her everything, and she suggests he lock the doors to keep out the intruder. |
| 1. One day he hides in the barn and catches a boy sneaking in. He frightens him brandishing a hay fork.
 |  | He puts on his monster mask. |
| 1. The women Mrs. Ott shares her room with are always “further gone” because they are not supposed to know about her son, who is suspected to have killed Cindy.
 | X |  |
| 1. Ten years later the boy Larry chased from the barn returns to sell him a TV set.
 |  | Wallace Stringfellow wants to sell him a satellite dish so he can receive more TV programs. |
| 1. Larry invites his visitor to have an alcoholic beverage with him on the porch.
 |  | No, he doesn’t drink alcohol. |
| 1. The visitor has never heard of Larry.
 |  | He remembers the name and also recalls that Larry was suspected of having “done away” with Cindy. |
| 1. Larry orders a dish from Wallace.
 | X |  |

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

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| 1. When Wallace doesn’t show up the next Monday Larry is
 | **□ disgusted.** |
| **☑**  hardly surprised. |
| □ glad. |
| 1. Wallace doesn’t install a dish because
 | □ Larry has decided not to have one. |
| □ he forgot about the order. |
| **☑**. he was allegedly fired by his company. |
| 1. When Larry tells Wallace about the night he was pestered by some kids who called him names and damaged his car, his visitor
 | **☑** advises him to get himself a gun. |
| □ tells him to report the incident to the police. |
| □ cautions him against having a watchdog. |
| 1. Wallace comes back regularly to
 | □ talk to him about his future |
| □ to keep Larry company. |
| **☑** find out about Cindy’s disappearance. |

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

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| 1. When Wallace offers Larry drugs
2. Wallace gives Larry a gun
3. Wallace plays on Larry’s loneliness
 | 1. to make Larry drink alcohol and smoke marijuana.
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| 1. 1. Larry refuses to take any.
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| 1. because Larry is not able to afford it.
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| 1. 2. to ingratiate himself with him.
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| 1. 3. to make him talk about Cindy.
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1. **Finish the sentences in your own words.**
2. When Wallace talks about his intruding into the barn 10 years ago and how he felt,

he simply tries to win Larry’s sympathy and trust.

1. He claims he wouldn’t care and still remain friends

 if Larry had really killed Cindy.

1. When he suggests women might even like being raped or abused,

he is trying to make Larry endorse the allegations of rape and murder.

1. When Larry does not admit to anything,

Wallace becomes furious and damages Larry’s pickup before leaving.

1. When Wallace doesn’t show up any more,

Larry imagines him to be the friend he has always longed for so much. He realizes how terribly alone he has been all these years.