

Answer these questions.

1. "At last a sympathetic audience."

i. Who says this?

Ans. Gerrard says, "At last a sympathetic audience."

ii. Why does he say it?

Ans. There was no one except intruder to listen to his story of life so he considered intruder as a sympathetic audience to make him calm down at his place.

iii. Is he sarcastic or serious?

Ans. He is sarcastic because forces others to listen to his life history

2. Why does the intruder choose Gerrard as the man whose identity he to take on?

Ans. Gerrard has a close resemblance to the intruder. The intruder is a criminal. He intends to murder Gerrard and take on his identity so that he could live freely in his cottage as a Gerrard.

3. "I said it with bullets."

i. Who says this?

Ans. Gerrard says this.

ii. What does it mean?

Ans. Gerrard means to say that he has killed someone with the gun and ran away. The game has finished and he would not be killed by one.

iii. Is it the truth? What is the speaker's reason for saying this?

Ans. No, this is not the truth. He wants to confirm that the intruder is the real killer. He wants to befool the intruder and make him clear that he is also a criminal.

4. What is Gerrard's profession? Quote the parts of the play that support your answer.

Ans. Gerrard is working in a theatre. The quote, "I can't let you have the props in time for rehearsal I'll put it in my next play", shows that he works in a theatre.

5. "You'll soon stop being smart."

i. Who says this?

Ans. The intruder says these words.

ii. Why does the speaker say it?

Ans. Gerrard acts like a smart guy to befool the intruder so that he will let him go

but the intruder threatens him and stops him to behave like a smart guy.

iii. What according to the speaker will stop Gerrard from being smart?

Ans. The intruder has put his gun on Gerrard's head and says that he will make him crawl and this will stop his smartness. So the crawl will stop Gerrard from being smart.

6. "They can't hang me mice."

i. Who says this?

Ans. The intruder says these words.

ii. Why does the speaker say it?

Ans. He says that he is already going to die for one murder and if he kills him he will not be hanged for the second one.

7. " A mystery I propose to explain." What is the mystery the speaker proposes to explain?

Ans. The mystery is only to divert his attention and to befool him. The mystery is to make him sure that he is also a criminal and expecting to be in trouble and that is he is leaving from there.

8. "This is your big surprise."

i. Where has this been said in the play?

Ans. These words had been said by Gerrard when the intruder prepared to shoot him. He tried to make him sure that he was also a criminal.

ii. What is the surprise?

Ans. The surprise is that he looks like a criminal. He has made the bag ready to run from that place. He explains the intruder that he has killed the person and now the police are after him.

Language Work

I. Choose the correct word from the pairs given in brackets.

1. The (site, cite) of the accident was (ghastly/ ghostly).

Ans. The site of the accident was ghastly.

2. Our college (principle/principal) is very strict.

Ans. Our college principal is very strict.

3. I studied (continuously/continually) for eight hours.

Ans. I studied continuously for eight hours.

4. The fog had an adverse (affect/effect) on the traffic.

Ans. The fog had an adverse, effect on the traffic.

5. Cezanne, the famous French painter, was a brilliant (artist/ artiste).

Ans. Cezanne, the famous French painter was a brilliant artist.

6. The book that you gave me yesterday is an extraordinary (collage/college) of science fiction and mystery.

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7. Our school will (host/hoist) an exhibition on cruelty to animals and wildlife conservation.

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8. Screw the lid tightly onto the top of the bottle and (shake/shape) well before using the contents.

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Writing Work

**1. Which of the words below describe Gerrard and which describe the Intruder? Smart, humorous, clever, beautiful, cool, confident, flashy, witty, nonchalant
Intruder: Cool, confident, flashy, witty, nonchalant .Write a paragraph each about Gerrard and the Intruder to show what qualities they have.**

Ans. **Gerrard:** Gerrard is the main character in the play. He is an intelligent, humorous, smart, clever, and witty person. He works in a theatre. He plays a trick in the play with the intruder and poses himself as a criminal. He does not feel panic in confronting the vicious intruder in his house. Rather he daringly begins a witty conversation with him in a humorous way. He stretches his argument to such an extent that the intruder comes to believe that police are always running after Gerrard to trap him. He makes the intruder believe that he will be surely hanged at last, if not as intruder then perhaps as Gerrard. At last, he very smartly snatches his revolver from the intruder and locks him into the cupboard. In this way, he saved his own life.

Intruder: The intruder in the play acts as a murderer. He has killed a policeman and

is now running from the police. He is flashy and confident to kill Gerrard, as he thinks he is already going to be hanged for one murder and no matter if he does the other. He tries to kill Gerrard and live at his place as he physically resembles like Gerrard. He has cunning thinking. But he fails to kill Gerrard and is got arrested at the end of the play.