

THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT OF HERE

Creative Comprehension Questions & Exercises

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1. Which adjective **LEAST** describes this story?
 - A. comic
 - B. mysterious
 - C. tragic
 - D. unusual
2. Which would best describe Mark and Chan?
 - A. teachers' pets
 - B. typical adolescents
 - C. members of the in crowd
 - D. boys asking for major trouble
3. Near the beginning of the story, Mark thinks of Larry as a *vanilla flavor of human*. What does he most likely mean by that description?
 - A. that Larry is cheaper than other humans
 - B. that Larry is dull and has no "spice"
 - C. that Larry is not really human, but created by a different race of beings
 - D. Either A or B could be considered correct.
4. Which is the most likely reason Sarah is attracted to Larry?
 - A. It's because of love, pure and simple.
 - B. She's materialistic and likes gifts.
 - C. She's blown away by Larry's sense of humor.
 - D. She's adventurous and she'd like to explore the inside of Larry's nose.
5. What is the best evidence Mark has that he was in New Orleans?
 - A. He has the President's signature.
 - B. He can recount what he did there.
 - C. He can show the bump on his head.
 - D. He can prove that Larry's nasal cavity is humongous.
6. Please draw lines to connect the character to his/her description.

Mark	a mystery wrapped in an enigma
Funky	high-maintenance girlfriend
Sarah	nasal navigator
Chan	When it comes to loans, he's a keeper.
Larry	can't believe his eyes

(Man, the answer for **Sarah** is sure hard to figure out!)

7. Larry... *glanced around **furtively** to see if anyone were really close, then [opened his locker].* What is the most likely meaning of **furtively**?

- A. sadly
- B. openly
- C. angrily
- D. secretly

8. Most fiction can be fairly easily classified: comedy, mystery, science fiction, gothic, and so on. But how would you classify this story? Come up with your best label(s) and justify your answer in a poignant paragraph.

9. The author picked New Orleans as a setting in this story in part because it is a city with a distinctive look and landmarks that are well-known. (How do I know this? Because I **am** the author!) Name another city that could fit that description. Then list two landmarks or distinctive features that would make that city unique and recognizable. (Hint: The city can be anywhere, not just in the United States.)

City = _____

Distinctive features or landmarks:

- A. _____
- B. _____

10. So here's the hardest one of all (which means it's the best one if you're ready for a challenge):

Did Mark really get sucked up Larry's nose? Give a firm YES or NO and give at least two reasons for your choice. Be sure to specifically refer to the text to justify each reason.

(Minimum: one solid paragraph of at least four or five sentences.)
