

Chapter-12
If I were you
Worksheet

1) "You'll soon stop being smart.."

- Who says this?
- Why does he say it?
- Is the speaker sarcastic or serious?

2) I'm not taking it for fun. I've been hunted long enough. I'm wanted for murder already, and they can't hang me twice.

(a) What 'step' is the speaker talking about taking? Why is he taking it?

(b) By whom has the speaker been hunted? Why?

(c) Why does he say "they can't hang me twice"?

(d) What light do these lines reflect on the speaker's state of mind?

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

4) Gerrard lives alone in a lonely cottage. An intruder, who is a criminal, enters his cottage. He intends to murder Gerrard and take on his identity. Does he succeed?

5) "Peeved at the smartness displayed by Gerrard, the intruder says this to warn him against acting smart as he is unaware of the consequences that he might suffer." What consequences is the author talking about?

6) "I want to know a few things, see." What sort of information did the Intruder want from Gerrard?

7) The Intruder announced, "I'm going to kill you". Was Gerrard scared? Describe Gerrard's reactions?

8) Write down the character analysis of Gerrard and Intruder in about 80 words each.

9) I'm sorry. I thought you were telling me, not asking me. A question of inflection; your voice is unfamiliar.

- Who is the speaker and who does he speak to?
- What had the listener asked the speaker?
- What does 'inflection' mean?
- What do these lines tell us about the speaker?

10) That's a lie. You 're not dealing with a fool. I'm as smart as you and smarter, and I know you run a car. Better be careful, wise guy!

- Who is the speaker? Which Tie' is he talking about?
- Why did the speaker think he was smarter than the listener?
- Why did he warn the listener to be careful?
- What does the extract reveal about the Intruder?

11) **Thinking about Language**

Consult your dictionary and choose the correct word from the pairs given in brackets.

1. The (site, cite) of the accident was (ghastly/ghostly).
2. Our college (principle/principal) is very strict.
3. I studied (continuously/continually) for eight hours.
4. The fog had an adverse (affect/effect) on the traffic.
5. Cezanne, the famous French painter, was a brilliant (artist/artiste).
6. The book that you gave me yesterday is an extraordinary (collage/college) of science fiction and mystery.
7. Our school will (host/hoist) an exhibition on cruelty to animals and wildlife conservation.
8. Screw the lid tightly onto the top of the bottle and (shake/shape) well before using the contents.

12) **Choose the correct options:**

1) Who was the intruder?

- Priest
- Thief
- Criminal
- Teacher

2) Who did Gerrard live with?

- His wife
- His parents
- Alone
- His son

3) Who all came to visit Gerrard?

- The banker
- The milkman
- The grocer
- All of the above

4) What did Gerrard do to the intruder?

- They indulged in a physical brawl
- He killed him
- He locked him in a cupboard

5) Who is the author of the play?

- Tagore
- Chetan Bhagat

- Douglas James
- John Key