

L.A. Winners by Philip Prowse

- 1 *Student's own answer. They may correctly guess that the story has a connection with horses.*
- 2 *Student's own answer. The answer might include the following: Mr Samuel has a dirty office with old furniture and a broken blind. He is untidy and he has not shaved. He is a private detective. The woman is carrying a bag with a handkerchief in it. She does not like dust and dirt. She is trying to find a good, cheap detective.*
- 3 (a) Sandy Bonner
(b) Dick Gates
(c) Lou Weaver
(d) Herman
- 4 *Student's own answers. Students may mention the following:*
 - (a) Slim Peters is fat. He has been an L.A. policeman. He is now a racetrack security guard. He gives Lenny information about security at Santa Rosita Racetrack.
 - (b) These are passes which allow people into the racetrack. Yellow passes are for training days. Blue passes are for racing days. Slim gives Lenny a yellow pass and Lenny steals a blue pass from Slim's desk.
 - (c) The camera is on the fence by the gate to the stables area. Slim can sit in his office and see people approaching the gateway.
 - (d) Lenny sees a red 4x4 at Sandy Bonner's ranch. Later, he sees it at the Santa Rosita Racetrack. At the racetrack it has a trailer and is parked by Stable 14. Lenny is attacked when he leaves Stable 14.
 - (e) The cupboard is three metres high and two metres wide. It is empty. *(The student won't know of its importance at this stage.)*
 - (f) Dick Gates is about forty years old. He is tall and heavy. He has long red hair tied in a pony-tail. He steals the Chief from Sandy Bonner's ranch. *(The student has yet to find out more about his rôle.)*
- 5 *Student's own answer.*
- 6 *Student's own answers. Here are some suggestions:*
 - (a) *Lenny:* There's a horse in that secret room! Is it the Chief?
 - (b) *Ventanas:* What's happening?!
 - Lenny:* I must save Sandy!
 - Gates:* Arrrgh!
 - Sandy:* Lenny has brought The Chief back!
- 7 (a) Lenny owes Herman \$1000.
(b) After Lenny has paid for his racetrack ticket and his car park ticket at Santa Rosita, he has \$20. He bets this money on Golden Dragon.
(c) Sandy Bonner gives Lenny \$200 when she first goes to his office.
(d) Lenny puts \$150 in an envelope and puts it under Herman's office door.
(e) After Lenny has given \$150 to Herman, he has \$50 left from the \$200 which Sandy gave him.
- 8 *Student's own answers.*

