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Answer the questions in complete sentences and restate the question at the beginning. Example:

If the question said....*What is Mrs. Christiansen’s pet peeve?*

You would phrase your answer like this... *Mrs. Christiansen’s pet peeve is students who whine!*

1- Explain the title of the story.

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2- Explain the “competition” that Gary feels he has with Mike and Dani.

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3- Every time Jim sees Gary, Jim calls him, “dude.” His greetings are also a little bit violent. Write down all the phrases that describe these violent greetings.

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4- Why do you think Gary doesn’t react or object to Jim’s violent greeting?

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5- Why do you think Mike and Dani discourage Gary from continuing to write science fiction.

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6- Why do you think Jim encourages Gary to continue writing science fiction?

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7- What is similar between the descriptions given of Mr. Smith and the vice-principal?

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8- Why does Gary think the teacher and vice-principal are aliens?

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9- Why do you think Jim encourages Gary to talk to the principal?

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10- Why do you think the principal taps buttons on his wrist watch?

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11- Why do you think the principal reveals that he is an alien?

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12- What is Gary’s future?

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13- What is the main idea of this story?

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Write down 5 words from the story that you don’t use regularly, and then look the words up in the dictionary. Write the definition in your own words (Don’t use words defined in the footnote)

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