

1. Check the meaning of the words/phrases in the box. Then, try to match them with the highlighted words in the reading. Be careful of their idiomatic meaning in context, and their parts of speech.

1. from an alternate reality 2. details 3. conversion/modification 4. a fictitious name to hide your identity
5. wishing evil upon a person 6. dynamic and realistic 7. suffering/despair 8. to be accurate/in itself

2. Write T (True) or F (False) next to each statement.

- a) Stephen King's ideas come from a shoe box.
- b) Stephen King is a perfect example of how writers find inspiration in their lives.
- c) *Thinner* is about a man who can't lose weight after his doctor advises him to do so.
- d) Stephen King's fans expect him to write about horror in his novels.
- e) Stephen King often feels pressure to write about topics he doesn't want to.
- f) Writers who struggle to come up with an idea shouldn't follow King's example.