**Listening vs. Reading**

1. Write a list of a pros and cons for listening to a story rather than reading it.
2. Which do you normally prefer?
3. Would you rather read this particular story, or listen to it?
4. What advantages does our narrator have in telling the story rather than writing it?
5. Printed below is an excerpt from the story. Use specific examples to show why there

is an advantage to reading or listening to this part.

**Adnan:** No one could ever come up with any type of proof or anecdote or anything to

ever say that I was ever mad at her, that I was ever angry with her, that I ever

threatened her. That’s the only thing I can really hold onto. That is like my only firm

handhold in this whole thing, that no one’s ever been able to prove it. No one ever has

been able to provide any shred of evidence that I had anything but friendship toward

her, like love and respect for her. That’s at the end of the day, man. The only thing I can

ever say is, man, I had no reason to kill her.

**Sarah:** He’s adamant about this. You can hear it, right? He’s staunch. The problem is,

when you ask Adnan to go back and tell his version of what happened that day, to

refute Jay’s story, everything becomes a lot mushier.