

# "THE UMBRELLA MAN"

## A. READ FROM LINE 1 TO LINE 12.

1. WHO ? Who are the characters ? \* \_\_\_\_\_ \* \_\_\_\_\_ \*

2. WHO is the narrator ? \_\_\_\_\_

The tone is  serious  sad  childish

Explain your choice in French : \_\_\_\_\_

3. WHEN does the action take place ? " \_\_\_\_\_ "

4. WHERE ? City : \_\_\_\_\_

Different places : 1. " \_\_\_\_\_ " 2. " \_\_\_\_\_ " 3. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

5. WEATHER ?  sunny  stormy  windy  rainy  snowy

Justify by quoting from the text : " \_\_\_\_\_ "

" \_\_\_\_\_ "

6. WHAT CLOTHES ARE THEY WEARING ? " \_\_\_\_\_ "

7. WHAT DO THEY WANT ? the mother \_\_\_\_\_

the daughter \_\_\_\_\_

8. Trouve les 5 phrases du passage qui font l'histoire (= ce qui relève du factuel – les faits - et non de l'anecdotique) :

" \_\_\_\_\_ "

" \_\_\_\_\_ "

" \_\_\_\_\_ "

" \_\_\_\_\_ "

" \_\_\_\_\_ "

## B. READ FROM LINE 13 TO LINE 37.

1. Write the different parts of an eye : eyebrows eyelash eyelid



2. Find synonyms of the underlined words : "He was pretty old."  beautiful  quite  not

"She was very cool and distant."  friendly  cold  calm

3. Find the sentences which show that :

a. The man is polite : " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
" \_\_\_\_\_ "  
" \_\_\_\_\_ "

b. The little man is asking for a favour : " \_\_\_\_\_ "

c. He is asking for a very little favour : " \_\_\_\_\_ "

d. He is very insistent : " \_\_\_\_\_ " " \_\_\_\_\_ "

4. Lines 16 to 18 : How is the mother reacting in front of the man ?

a. " \_\_\_\_\_ " b. " \_\_\_\_\_ " c. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

5. Read the passage from line 20 to line 24 and find the two 'golden rules' :

1. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

2. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

6. How is the man described ?

a. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

b. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

c. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

d. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

e. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

f. " \_\_\_\_\_ "

7. Knowing what we know about the two characters, imagine what might happen :

O The mother is going to help the old man.    O The mother is not going to help the old man.

**C. READ FROM LINE 38 TO LINE 81.**

1. The man has forgotten

O his wallet

O his hat

O his umbrella

2. He says he needs money in order to

O go to the *café*

O buy an umbrella

O take a taxi

3. He offers to give the mother

O his umbrella

O his hat

O his coat

4. Right or wrong ? Justify by quoting from the text :

a. It wasn't raining anymore.

O right

O wrong

Justification : " \_\_\_\_\_ "

b. The mother was not ready to accept the deal.

O right

O wrong

Justification : " \_\_\_\_\_ "

c. The mother wanted an explanation.

O right

O wrong

Justification : " \_\_\_\_\_ "

d. The man had difficulties in walking.

O right

O wrong

Justification : " \_\_\_\_\_ "

e. The umbrella costs a lot of money.

O right

O wrong

Justification : " \_\_\_\_\_ "

f. The mother finally gives him the money, but she refuses the umbrella.

O right

O wrong

Justification : " \_\_\_\_\_ "

5. Pick out the sentence which explains the little man's proposition :

" \_\_\_\_\_ "

6. Why is this a clever strategy ? Think of four arguments :

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

7. When does the mother start hesitating ?    O between lines 62 and 64    O line 55    O lines 57 to 60.

8. The mother says : 'I don't think... I should...' (lines 62-63)

She doesn't say :

1. "I don't think I will."

2. "I won't."

3. "Of course, I will."

4. "I think I shouldn't."

\* Classify these four sentences from 'Yes, immediate acceptance.' to 'No, definite refusal.'

'Yes, immediate acceptance.' = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

'No, definite refusal.' = \_\_\_\_\_

\* 'I don't think... I should...' means :    O je crois que je devrais    O je ne crois pas que je devrais    O je ne crois pas que je dois



9. What does the little girl think of the deal ? Answer in French and justify by quoting the text :

Justification : “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

10. Read from lines 75 to 81 and find the three sentences expressing the mother’s triumph :

- a. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- b. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- c. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

**D. READ FROM LINE 81 TO THE END.**

Repérons à quoi joue le monsieur !!!

1. Pick out the key sentences from the text telling the man’s game :

- a. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- b. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- c. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- d. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- e. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- f. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

2. What are the mother’s reactions ? Justify from the text (lines 100-101 + line 152):

At first she is \_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Then she \_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

3. The little girl’s revenge. Pick out two words or expressions showing the little girl has a revenge on her mother :

- a. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- b. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

**E. READ THE WHOLE TEXT AGAIN.**

1. Explain why the text is ironical :

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Read the text from lines 40 to 56 again and find three clues (indices) that should have alerted you :

- a. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- b. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- c. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

**F. YOUR OPINION.**

What did you think of the short-story ? Did you like it ? Why ?

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