

## Corrigé du devoir de compréhension N°1

- 1- The main characters are a grandmother, Agnes Tawton and her grandson Teddy Brex.
- 2- The other characters mentioned are Agnes's husband, who is dead, Agnes's daughter who never invites her, and Teddy's father who is not as tall as Teddy will probably be.
- 3- They meet once a week **at Agnes's house** where Teddy calls to get his pocket money.
- 4- -uncaring: Both Agnes and Teddy are uncaring: "Both of them had cold temperaments" (1.2-3)  
-independent: Both Agnes and Teddy are independent: "Both were loners" (1. 3)  
-aggressive: Agnes was aggressive: "she [bullied] him with questions...and [picked] at his brain as to what went on in the Brex household" (1.17-18)  
-despising: Both Agnes and Teddy were despising: "They [shared] a general contempt for it (it= human nature) (1.26-27)
- 5- Agnes became nicer and "softened her attitude towards [Teddy]" (1.29): Whereas she gave Teddy little attention when he was young, she spoke a little more with him: For instance she told him he would be taller than his father and talked about trifles like the weather.
- 6- She decided that now that Teddy had a grant she was not going to give him pocket money any more: "She announced that his weekly pound was to stop". (1.36-37)
- 7- line 4: and said so...: refers to the fact that "she had been relieved" (1.3-4)  
line 8: little of this...: refers to her attention. (1.6-7)  
line 10: before it reached...: his pound/money. (1.8)  
line 36: she could afford it: refers to giving him twice or even three times what he was getting. (1.35)