

THE FUN THEY HAD



DOMAINE 1:



Comprendre, s'exprimer en utilisant une langue étrangère.

Compréhension de l'écrit

Peut suivre l'intrigue de récits, de romans simples et de bandes dessinées si le scénario est clair et linéaire et rédigé dans un langage très quotidien, à condition de pouvoir utiliser un dictionnaire. B1

Isaac Asimov was a Russian-born American writer and professor of biochemistry. He is considered one of the "Big Three" science-fiction writers of the 20th century.

The Fun They Had (1951):

Set in the year 2157, the story follows eleven-year-old Margie and her friend Tommy. One day, Tommy finds a "real" printed paper book in his attic. For the two children, who have only ever known digital texts on screens, holding an old physical book is a mysterious discovery.

"Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the County Inspector.

He was a round little man with a red face and a whole box of tools with dials and wires. He smiled at Margie and gave her an apple, then took the teacher apart. Margie had hoped he wouldn't know how to put it together again, but he knew how all right, and, after an hour or so, there it was again, large and black and ugly, with a big screen on which all the lessons were shown and the questions were asked. That wasn't so bad. The part Margie hated most was the slot where she had to put homework and test papers. She always had to write them out in a punch code they made her learn when she was six years old, and the mechanical teacher calculated the mark in no time.

The Inspector had smiled after he was finished and patted Margie's head. He said to her mother, "It's not the little girl's fault, Mrs. Jones. I think the geography sector was geared a little too quick. Those things happen sometimes. I've slowed it up to an average ten-year level. Actually, the over-all pattern of her progress is quite satisfactory." And he patted Margie's head again."



Shake = secouer
dials = molettes
slot = fente

sorrowfully = tristement
wires = fils
pat = caresser, tapoter

geared = programmé

Questions

1) Où la scène se déroule-t-elle ?

2) Identifie les trois personnages/éléments présentés dans le texte et précise le rôle de chacun.

3) Qui donne cours à Margie et quel est le problème (donne un maximum de détails) :

4) A quoi ressemble l'inspecteur départemental et que donne-t-il à Margie ?

5) Quelle est la partie du cours que Margie déteste le plus, et comment doit-elle rendre ses devoirs ?

6) Quel est le problème avec le professeur et comment a-t-il été réglé ?

