

Correction des tâches de la p95 sur Educating Rita.

- Rita was eager to talk to her tutor because she wanted to tell him that she had been to see a play by Shakespeare for the first time... She was so full of enthusiasm that she burst into Frank's office unexpectedly and told him how the performance had taken her breath away, which made him more or less speechless... He was the only person she knew that could understand her...
- Rita went to the theatre because she "wanted to find out" (l. 15) what it was like... She wanted to see a Shakespeare play even though she thought it would be "dead boring" (l. 16), because she wanted to improve her mind/ to satisfy her curiosity... Because she was curious, she was ready to try something new... Her tutor had probably spoken highly of Shakespeare and as Rita hungered for knowledge, she thought she should go to see a play... Maybe she wanted to see if she could understand it after her tutor's lessons...
- While watching Shakespeare's play, sceptical Rita must have been a bit skeptical at first... However, contrary to her expectations, it was full of life and not academic, boring and bookish... Rita became so enthusiastic / thrilled / excited during the play, that she sat on the edge of her seat so as to be nearer the stage... She was so taken up by the action that she was ready to cry out at one point during the performance... The play had such a great impact on her that she bought the book and learnt a passage by heart...

Rita must have chosen to talk to her tutor for two reasons... First, as she says herself, because she "had to tell someone who'd understand" (l. 42)... In view of Rita's social milieu, she knew nobody capable of understanding... She is a hairdresser and one of the reasons why she is trying to break out of her social milieu is because she feels she can't talk seriously about anything with the people she knows... That's why she decided to enrol at the Open University...

The second reason is that Rita certainly appreciates her tutor... She realizes that he has succeeded in giving her a hunger for knowledge and education and that he has given her the tools to become someone different... Rita is certainly grateful for her tutor's help so that's why she chose to talk to him about her outing to the theatre...

- In my opinion, Rita has chosen to recite this passage from *Macbeth* because she really appreciated it / it was the passage that struck her most... She also probably chose it because it is beautifully written and easy to understand... By using simple words, well chosen metaphors, alliterations, blank verse which resembles the rhythm of ordinary speech, Shakespeare, very simply, gives the spectators a striking image of the human condition... So, even people with little education, who are not familiar with poetry or literary terms, understand the meaning of this passage perfectly... The spectators, whether they share this pessimistic / nihilistic point of view or not, feel moved by it... These lines must have made such an impact on Rita that she decided to learn them by heart...
- At first Frank was a bit surprised, even somewhat annoyed at Rita's intrusion... He started telling her she had come on the wrong day... Then he realized how excited Rita was and he was worried because he thought something serious had happened... He was relieved to hear Rita only wanted to tell him about her evening out and share her enthusiasm with him... He joked about it by pretending that Rita was reciting a passage from *Romeo and Juliet*, but that did not fool her and she asked him to be serious... When Rita proudly showed him the copy of *Macbeth* she had bought after the play, Frank realized how important this outing had been for her... Then, instead of making fun of her, he encouraged her to go and see more plays... He also told her he appreciated her coming to share her views on the play with him...
- Rita's behaviour reveals how determined she is to change the course of her life... First of all, she decided to take up an Open University course to improve her mind and break out of her social milieu... Then, in order to see if she was up to following this course, she decided to go to see *Macbeth*... She is a young woman who has the nerve / cheek to burst into her tutor's office to tell him how much she enjoyed the play... She is ready to break down barriers in order to have a better life... All this shows how ambitious she is...