

Is his hair long or short? It is short.

What color is it? It is black.

What have you to say of his forehead? He has a fine high forehead.

Has he any beard? No he has no beard or he is beardless.

Directly in front of his eyes what has he? Directly in front of his eyes he has spectacles or glasses or he has on a pair of spectacles.

Is his face a common-face? No it is not a common face.

What do you think of it? It is a strong, intellectual face, the face of a man with some education.

What clothes has the boy on? He has on a shirt with a soft collar and a pair of knee trousers.

What is the color the boy's hair? It is black.

Does it resemble his father's? Yes it resembles his father's very very much.

Say how it resembles his father's. The boy's hair is black like his father's; it is short like his father's; it is thick like his father's.

Do the boy's features resemble his father's? Yes they very much resemble his father's.

Describe the boy's pose. He is sitting on an overturned tub to the left of the man and slightly in front of him; his face is turned towards his father's left side; his chin and right-cheek are resting on his right-hand while his right-elbow is supported by his right-knee; his eyes have a far-away-look and he appears lost in thought; his left leg is slightly bent backward at the knee and of his left-foot only the toes touch the ground.

At what is the man looking? He is looking at the boy.

How is he looking at the boy? He is looking intently at the boy.

What is the meaning of the word intently? It means with attention, attentively, seriously, with interest.

What does the boy's face express? It expresses reflection, thought, deliberation, absorption, quiet interest.

Does the boy's pose also express all these things? Yes it does and also meditation.

Of what is the boy thinking? or What is the boy meditating on? He is meditating on what his father has just told him.

What has his father just told him? I can't say what his father has just told him, but I'm sure it was something very interesting. You are quite right, evidently it was something very interesting.

Who is the boy? I have no idea, sir, who the boy is; I hope you don't expect me to know who the boy is, by looking at the picture.

No, I'll admit that that would be too much to expect of you.

The boy's name is Hans Andersen, he is a Dane, his father was a shoemaker and while he worked at his trade he used to tell his little son stories of many different kinds. When the boy grew up he published several series of fairy tales, which have been read by tens of thousands of children