## The Old Man and His Grandson

by Brothers Grimm from Grimm's Fairy Tales

## Vocabulary:

eyes had become dim - vision had become weak dull of hearing - hearing had become weak trembling - shaking slightly broth - simple soup earthenware - pottery, made of clay to scold - to tell off for doing something bad half-pence - half of one pence (UK penny) thus - in this manner trough - an eating area, usually for pigs or cattle henceforth - from this time on likewise - in the same way

## Reading:

There was once a very old man, whose eyes had become dim, his ears dull of hearing, his knees trembled, and when he sat at table he could hardly hold the spoon, and spilt the broth upon the table-cloth or let it run out of his mouth. His son and his son's wife were disgusted at this, so the old grandfather at last had to sit in the corner behind the stove, and they gave him his food in an earthenware bowl, and not even enough of it. And he used to look towards the table with his eyes full of tears. Once, too, his trembling hands could not hold the bowl, and it fell to the ground and broke. The young wife scolded him, but he said nothing and only sighed. Then they brought him a wooden bowl for a few half-pence, out of which he had to eat.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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