2. I think Patrick’s reason for wanting to end his marriage is that his life with Mary was becoming boring and repetitive. Patrick longed for a more dynamic relationship. This is seen when Mary is waiting for Patrick to arrive home. The narrator says, “When the clock said ten minutes to five, she began to listen, and a few moments later, punctually as always, she heard the car tires on the stones outside” (Dahl 1). The reader can see that Patrick and Mary live a life that follows a strict routine and has little variety. The author does not tell us specifically what Patrick says in order to create suspense for the reader.