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《典范英语》原名《牛津阅读树》，是从英国牛津大学出版社引进的一套原版英语教材。在英国，有80%的学校用它教小学生和学前儿童读书识字。

一套英国孩子学习母语的教材拿来给中国孩子用，这样做合适吗？

我们的回答是：合适。而且我们认为，只有学这样的英语，孩子们才会学得开心，学得轻松，学得地道，学得有效。

儿童学习语言，选用什么样的语言材料作为教材，关乎孩子语言素质的发展。无论母语教材还是外语教材，首先要保证语言纯正地道。《典范英语》来自英国本土，语言鲜活纯正，原汁原味，由浅入深，中国孩子完全可以学得来，学了可以享用终生。在学习语言的关键期，能和英国孩子念一样的英语，我们的孩子是多么幸运！

好的儿童语言教材，除了语言纯正地道之外，还要看内容能否吸引孩子。《典范英语》基于孩子的生活体验和心理特点，精心编织了几百个引人入胜的故事，个个生动有趣，人物活灵活现，可爱至极，完全是一片孩子的生活乐园和精神天地。读这样的故事，学这样的英语，能使孩子们的心智和品格都受益。反观那些句句符合语法，“有句无文，有文无情”的课文，干瘪乏味，缺乏心智上的启迪，早已倒掉了孩子们的胃口。

有了好的教材就能保证孩子学好英语吗？不完全是。还要看如何用好这套教材。

首先，要有正确的认识。研究表明，12岁以前是学习语言的关键期。孩子学习一门语言，越早接触越好，这对习得地道的口音尤为重要。经验表明，孩子置身某种语言环境，他会自然习得这种语言，这是孩子的天性。在中国学英语没有这样的语言环境怎么办？教孩子系统地听、念英国同龄儿童喜欢的故事，就等于给他提供了一个全英语的环境。听得多了，孩子可以做到用英语“见什么人说什么话”；念得多了，还可以做到“知书达理”。千万不要低估孩子的语言潜能。

“喂”什么英语，就能“长出”什么英语，而且是“不知不觉地”长，“自然地”长。在成人看来，学好英语是件很难的事情，孩子却能轻易学得。除年龄因素外，成人学英语往往功利性强，多是用来应付考试，不是用来学说话，启心智，难怪久学不得。

其次，要掌握正确的方法。《典范英语》的每篇课文都是一个完整的故事，图文并茂，且配有英国专家朗读的声音材料。孩子喜欢听故事，看故事，尤其是带

图的故事。学习初期，先带孩子一起看图，大致理解故事内容之后，再让孩子听录音，看看故事用英语怎么讲。然后，带孩子朗读，直到读熟为止。有了一定基础之后，可让孩子学用英语复述故事。这时你会发现，孩子的英语可能比你自己的讲得还要地道。读讲的同时，再把故事中的关键词写一写，记一记，日积月累，孩子会逐渐掌握英语的拼读规律，学会拼读不认识的单词。学久了，说不定还能用英文写出个故事来。到那时，孩子就是个有英语文化的人了。

第三，要有持久的耐心和热情。教孩子学会读书识字，尤其是读外国书，识外国字，不能心血来潮，一曝十寒，也不能操之过急。尤其是在初始阶段，需要老师和家长耐心地引导和启发，把培养孩子的兴趣放在第一位。让孩子养成良好的读书习惯，学会和故事中的人物对话，学会感悟言语世界的奥秘，是奠定孩子语言根基和文化素养的重要法宝。

对于老师，建议充分利用好课堂时间教会孩子正确朗读每个故事，理解故事的内容。教会孩子读书是语言教师的第一要务。对于家长，饭前饭后，窗前灯下，春晨秋夕，每天也要坚持花10分钟和孩子一起读一个英文故事。两代人共读一个故事，心灵在书中交汇，情感在书中融合，这是父母和孩子最温馨的事了。这种交流，会影响孩子的一生。

《典范英语》共分五辑，每辑两册，适合我国小学生包括学前儿童使用。实验表明，坚持每天熟读一个故事，一年下来，孩子独立阅读英语的能力就会基本形成。两到三年学完，也是了不起的成就！

愿与各位老师和家长共勉。

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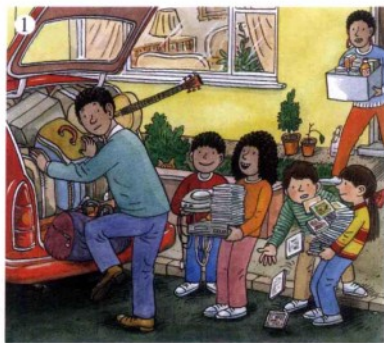
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Lesson 1

The Power Cut



The family was going on holiday. They were taking Biff and Chip. Mum and Dad were busy packing the car.

“Will you pack these for us, please?” asked Wilma.



“There will be lots to do,” said Dad. “You won’t need those.”

“We will,” said Wilf. “We must take the games station. I’ve got a great new game.”

“We want to watch these films,” said Wilma. “We haven’t seen some of them yet.”

“And can we take the CD player?” asked Biff.



It was a long journey. It took hours.
They stopped for a break.

"Let's get a drink," said Mum.

"Can we play a game in the arcade first?" asked Wilf.



At last they arrived at the cottage.

"We're in the middle of a forest," said Wilf.

"We're in the middle of nowhere," said Wilma.



They went inside the cottage. Mum and Dad began to unpack the car. There was a big television in the front room.

"Great!" said Chip. "Let's watch TV."

"We could play some games," said Wilf. "Could you bring in our games station, Dad?"

"Not now," said Dad. "Come and help us unpack the car."



At breakfast Wilma put on a film. Dad sighed. "Get dressed everyone. We didn't come on holiday to watch TV."

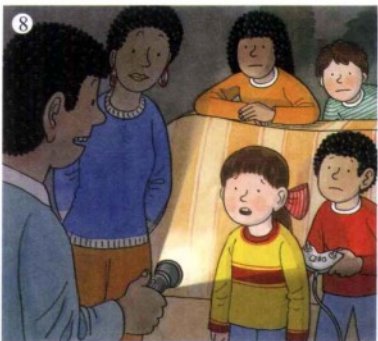
"Can we watch this first?" asked Wilma.

"Later," said Dad. "Let's go out."



"Wasn't it fun on the beach today?" said Mum.

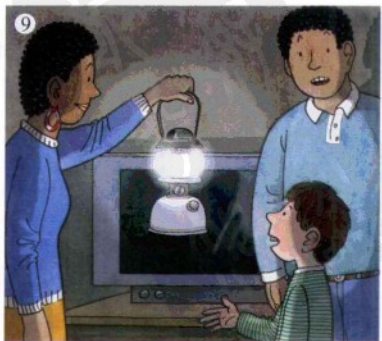
But nobody said anything. Wilf and Biff were busy playing a game. Chip and Wilma were listening to a CD.



Suddenly all the lights went out. The television and the CD player went off.

"What's happened?" called Biff.

Dad came in with a torch. "There's been a power cut!" he said.



Mum found a lamp.

"What if the power doesn't come back on?" asked Chip, looking at the TV.

"We'll have to do without it," said Dad.

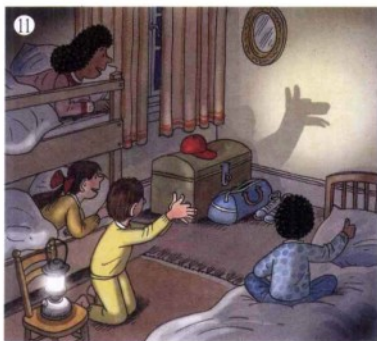
"Oh no!" said the children.



The power didn't come back on.
 "It may be off for a long time," said Dad.

It was time to eat. They all sat round the table and had supper by candlelight.

It was fun eating in the dark. They took it in turns to tell stories. Dad told them a funny story about a time when he was a little boy. It made them all laugh.



That night the power didn't come back on. The children had to use the lamp to go to bed. Chip made a shadow on the wall with his hands.

"Guess what it is," he said.



Wilma shone a torch under her chin. The light made her face look scary.

"Whoooh!" she said. "I'm a monster."

Everyone laughed. Then Mum came in and said it was time to go to sleep.



The next morning there was still no power. So the family spent all day on the beach. They played lots of games.

"It's late," said Mum. "It's time to go."

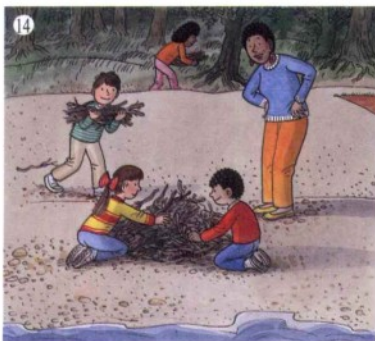
"Can't we stay a bit longer?" asked Wilf.

"I've got an idea," said Dad. "Let's build a fire. We could cook supper."

"Brilliant!" they all shouted.

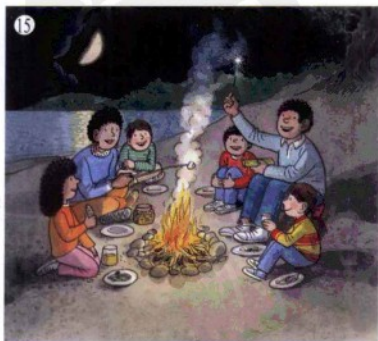
"Let's get some driftwood," said Mum.

"I'll go and get the food," said Dad.



It was getting dark by the time the fire was finished.

"Hey Wilf! That looks like a giant bird's nest," said Mum. "You light it, not lay an egg in it!"



Dad cooked lots of food on the fire. Then Mum toasted some marshmallows. They all sat and looked at the stars.

"I have a surprise," said Dad. "Sparklers!"

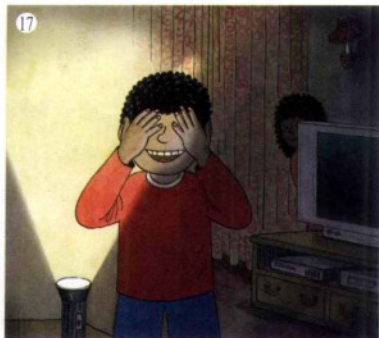


"Sorry," said Dad the next morning.
"Still no power."

"We can do without it," smiled Chip.

"Last night was magic," said Wilf.

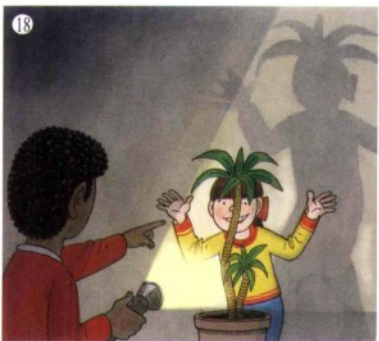
"What shall we do tonight?" asked Biff.



That night Wilma had a good idea.

"We could play hide and seek," she said. "If you are 'It' you have a torch."

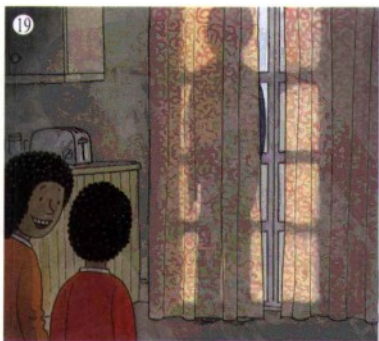
Everyone hid around the dark cottage.
Wilf was 'It'. He counted to a hundred.



Wilf looked in every room.

"Found you, Biff!" he called. Biff was hiding behind a big plant.

He found Chip lying in the bath.
Wilma was behind the TV. Mum was under a bed.



But where was Dad? Suddenly, the moon came out from behind the clouds. It lit up the windows. Dad was hiding behind the curtains.

"That gives me an idea," thought Wilma.



The next day Biff, Chip and Wilf went with Wilma to the woods.

"Why have we brought the boxes and a sheet?" asked Chip.

"And why are we here so early?" yawned Wilf.

"There's loads to do before tonight." Wilma's eyes sparkled. "This evening, we are going to do a shadow play!"

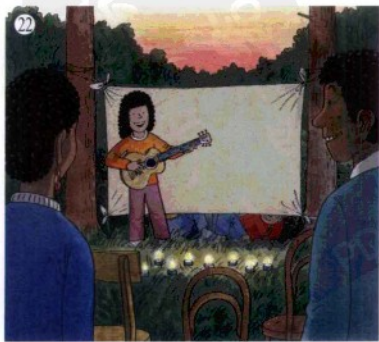
"Brilliant!" said Chip. "What's that?"



The children worked all day. They cut out shapes from the cardboard boxes. Wilf tied the sheet between two trees.

"What are you doing?" Dad asked.

"It's a surprise," said Wilma.



There was a golden sunset that evening. The children had put down lots of candles in jars.

"How beautiful!" said Mum.

"It's like magic!" gasped Dad.



Suddenly Biff turned up the lamp. The sheet glowed. The play began. It was about elves. The elves were cardboard puppets. Wilf and Chip moved the puppets around.

Biff did the elves' voices. Wilma played the guitar. They all sang songs. It was a good story. It was funny and sad. It made Mum laugh and Dad cry.



The play had finished. Everyone bowed.
 "Hooray!" shouted Mum. "Well done!"
 "Now," said Dad. "I've got a surprise."
 "What is it?" asked Wilma.
 "You'll see," smiled Dad.



They went back to the cottage. It was pitch black.
 "We can't see anything," said Wilf.
 "I said 'you'll see' and now you can," said Dad. He turned on the power.



Dad laughed. "Surprise!" he said. "I wanted you to enjoy the holiday without TV. There was no power cut."

"Turn it off again," said the children.
"We can do without it."



Activities

1. Listen to the story.
2. Read the story aloud.
3. Retell the story.
4. Rewrite the story.

How did I do?

