

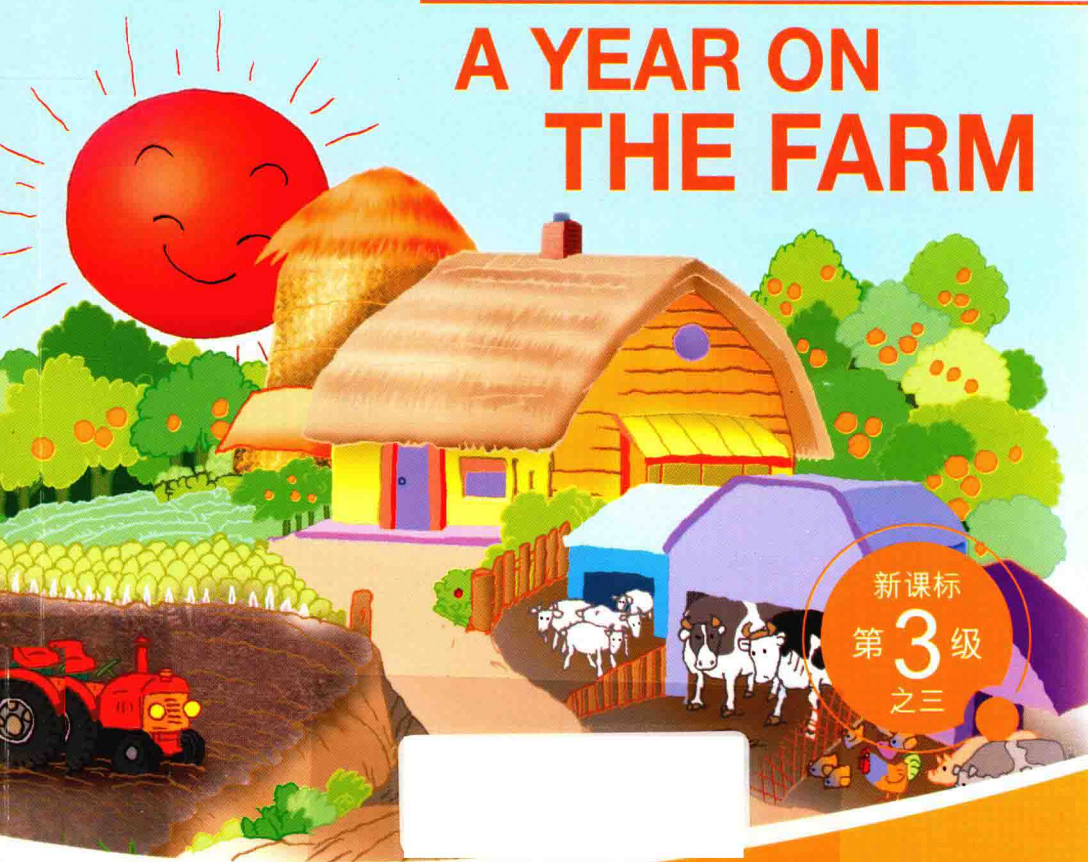
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随着新《英语课程标准》（以下简称《新课标》）的颁布，中学英语教学改革推进到了一个新的阶段，对学生的知识面、交际能力、文化意识等方面的要求提到了新的高度。课外阅读不再是课堂教学可有可无的补充，而已成为英语学习不可或缺的部分。《新课标》对学生课外阅读在数量上作出了明确的规定，在培养目标上提出了一系列新的要求。为此，上海外语教育出版社与朗文合作编写了这套“外教社—朗文中学英语分级阅读：新课标百科丛书”。其目的是将《新课标》的教学理念贯彻到课外阅读当中，帮助学生达到《新课标》所提出的各项要求。

丛书的编写以《新课标》为指导，主要有以下特点：1. 在总体设计上，根据《新课标》分级编写，针对性强，充分满足各阶段中学生的阅读需求；2. 在选材上，突出个性化特征，根据不同年龄段学生的不同阅读兴趣，选择具有时代感、内容丰富的题材，帮助学生在完成《新课标》阅读任务的同时，扩大知识面，培养跨文化交流意识；3. 在难度的把握上，兼顾能力的提高和阅读兴趣及自信心的培养，为学生营造宽松的学习氛围；4. 在学习策略的指导上，根据《新课标》对各级的要求为每册书编写阅读技巧指南，引导学生养成良好的学习习惯；5. 在单元后的练习编排上，突出灵活性、开放性 & 参与性，将读、说、写等相结合，激发学生的想象力和创造力，帮助学生全面达到《新课标》的各项要求。

丛书共56册，分3、5、7、9四级，每级各14册。本丛书与“外教社·朗文小学英语分级阅读”一脉相承，是外教社与朗文合作推出的阅读精品。

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## Do you know?

- When do farmers pick apples?
- Why do farmers worry about storms?
- Which season is the Dragon Boat Festival in?
- What often comes with thunder?
- What can thermometers show us?
- Why do farmers listen to the radio?

Now read this book and find the answers to these questions. Learn lots of other things about the weather and life on a farm. It is exciting!





# Introduction



Farmers work all day. Farmers work all year too. Farmers are busy every season. They work hard from spring to summer to autumn to winter.

Which is your favourite season?  
Find four season words in this word puzzle.



## NOTES

- season / 'si:zən / 季节
- spring / sprɪŋ / 春季
- summer / 'sʌmə / 夏季
- autumn / 'ɔ:təm / 秋季
- winter / 'wɪntə / 冬季



Weather is very important for farmers. Sometimes there is too much rain. Sometimes there is too little. Sometimes it is too hot. Sometimes it is too cold.

Draw a line to match the season to the correct picture.



## NOTES

important / im'pɔ:tnt / 重要的  
sometimes / 'sʌmtaɪmz / 有时



hot



dry



wet



cold



a plant

There are many farmers in China. Mr and Mrs Chen are farmers in the north of China. They have one daughter. Her



Meimei and her parents

name is Meimei. Meimei is 12 years old. The Chens have animals and plants on their farm. Meimei helps her parents. She feeds the animals and waters the plants.



Meimei is feeding some chicks.

# Spring





a fence



a pig



a chicken

It is spring now. The weather is cool. There is a lot of work to do on the farm. There are some holes in one of the fences. Mr Chen got up early this morning to fix the fence.



*The Chens are very busy.*

The Chens have a few pigs and some chickens. Mrs Chen feeds the pigs and gives them water to drink. Meimei helps too.

She feeds the chickens.



## NOTES

hole / həʊl / 洞

fix / fiks / 修补



*The Chens are taking care of the apple trees.*

Mr Chen is cutting some old branches off the apple trees with a saw. Meimei is gathering the branches and Mrs Chen is carrying them away. Later, the Chens use the branches to make new fences for the animals.

The apple trees look bare now. Meimei climbs up a tree to look at the branches. Green leaves and red apples will grow on them. Meimei dreams about the sweet apples in autumn.



#### NOTES

gather / 'gæðə / 搜集  
bare / beə / 光秃秃的  
dream / dri:m / 梦见



a saw



branches



a leaf



an apple



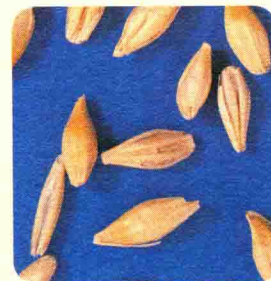
corn



a tractor



a field



seeds

Spring is time to plant the crops. Today, the Chens are planting a big field of corn. Mr Chen is on his tractor. He is ploughing the field into long rows. Mrs Chen is planting corn seeds in each row carefully. Meimei is working hard too. She is scaring away the birds. The naughty birds want to eat the corn seeds. Meimei is doing a good job.



## NOTES

- plant / plɑ:nt / 种植  
 crop / krɒp / 庄稼  
 plough / pləʊ / 犁 (地)  
 row / rəʊ / 行, 列  
 scare / skeə / 吓  
 naughty / 'nɔ:ti / 淘气的



The Chens are working in the field.



The Chens have a garden with a big pond. They grow melons, tomatoes, garlic, peppers and flowers. Each day, Mrs Chen waters the plants and clears away the weeds.

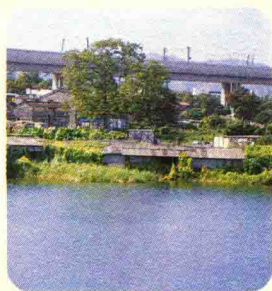


## NOTES

melon / 'melən / 瓜

tomato / tə'mætəʊ / 蕃茄

weeds / wi:dz / 野草



a pond



garlic



a pepper

