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## 编写说明

为了培养广大学生学习英语的兴趣，提高其英语阅读能力和理解能力，我们组织全国部分具有丰富教学经验的英语教师编写了《中级英语导读》一书。

本书包括童话、人物传记、小说、侦探故事、科普小品、智力故事六部分，每部分包括若干篇文章，每篇文章分为：阅读指导、阅读文章、注释和理解题四小部分，并附有详细的参考答案。

本书取材广泛，难度适中，融知识性、趣味性于一体，特别适合于中专生和高中生阅读使用。同时，对于具有同等英语水平的广大英语好者亦有重要的参考价值。

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1. straw n. 稻草

2. stick n. 棍棒

3. brick n. 砖

4. chin n. 下巴

5. puff n. 吹气

6. puff v. 吹气

7. pretend v. 假装

8. through a. 穿过

9. fair n. 集市

10. swing n. 秋千

11. churn n. 抽气

12. roundabouts n. 旋转木马

B. Glance over the passage quickly once and see

if you can answer the following questions.

1. What did the mother pig say when her three little pigs grew up?

2. Who built the strongest house of the three pigs?

3. What happened to the three little pigs in the end?



# Fairy Tales

## 1. The Three Little Pigs

### I. Reading Guide to the Passage:

#### A. Learn the following words before reading:

- |                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. straw n. 稻草   | 2. stick n. 树枝          |
| 3. brick n. 砖    | 4. chin n. 下巴           |
| 5. huff v. 吹气    | 6. puff v. 喷气           |
| 7. pretend v. 假装 | 8. turnip n. 萝卜         |
| 9. fair n. 集市    | 10. swing n. 秋千         |
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1. What did the mother pig say when her three little pigs grew up?
2. Who built the strongest house of the three pigs?
3. What happened to the three little pigs later?

## I. Reading Passage:

Once upon a time there was a mother pig who had three little pigs. The three little pigs grew so big that their mother said to them, "You are too big to live here any longer. You must build houses for yourselves. But take care that wolf does not catch you."

The three little pigs set off. "We will take care that the wolf does not catch us," they said.

Soon they met a man who was carrying some straw. "Please will you give me some straw?" asked the first little pig. "I want to build a house for myself." "Yes," said the man and he gave the first little pig some straw.

Then the first little pig built himself a house of straw. He was very pleased with his house. He said, "Now the wolf won't catch me and eat me."

"I shall build a stronger house than yours," said the second little pig.

"I shall build a stronger house than yours, too," said the third little pig.

The second little pig and the third little pig went on along the road. Soon they met a man who was carrying some sticks.

"Please will you give me some sticks?" asked the second little pig. "I want to build a house for myself."

"Yes," said the man and he gave the second little pig some sticks.

Then the second little pig built himself a house of sticks. It was stronger than the house of straw.

The second little pig was very pleased with his house. He said, "Now the wolf won't catch me and eat me."

"I shall build a stronger house than yours," said the third little pig.

The third little pig walked on along the road by himself. Soon he met a man who was carrying some bricks.

"Please will you give me some bricks?" asked the third little pig. "I want to build a house for myself."

"Yes," said the man and he gave the third little pig some bricks.

Then the third little pig built himself a house of bricks.

It took him a long time to build it for it was a very strong house.

The third little pig was very pleased with his house. He said, "Now the wolf won't catch me and eat me."

The next day the wolf came along the road. He came to the house of straw which the first little pig

had built.

When the first little pig saw the wolf coming, he ran inside his house and shut the door.

The wolf knocked on the door and said, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

"No, no," said the little pig. "By the hair of my chinny chin chin, I will not let you come in."

"Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in," said the wolf.

So he huffed and he puffed and he huffed and he puffed. The house of straw fell down and the wolf ate up the first little pig.

The next day the wolf walked further along the road. He came to the house of sticks which the second little pig had built.

When the second little pig saw the wolf coming, he ran inside the house and shut the door.

The wolf knocked on the door and said, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

"No, no," said the little pig. "By the hair of my chinny chin chin, I will not let you come in."

"Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in," said the wolf.

So he huffed and he puffed and he huffed and puffed. The house of sticks fell down and the wolf ate up the second little pig.

The next day the wolf walked further along the road. He came to the house of bricks which the third little pig had built.

When the third little pig saw the wolf coming, he ran inside his house and shut the door.

The wolf knocked on the door and said, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

"No, no," said the little pig. "By the hair of my chinny chin chin, I will not let you in."

"Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in," said the wolf.

So he huffed and he puffed and he huffed and he puffed. But the house of bricks did not fall down.

The wolf was very angry, but he pretended not to be. He thought, "This is a clever little pig. If I want to catch him I must pretend to be his friend."

So the wolf said, "Little pig, if you will be ready at six o'clock in the morning, I will take you to Farmer Smith's field. We shall find some nice turnips for dinner."

"Very well," said the little pig. But the third little pig was a clever little pig. He knew that the wolf just wanted to eat him.

So the next morning the third little pig set off for Farmer Smith's field at five o'clock. He filled his basket with turnips. Then he hurried home befo-

re it was six o'clock.

At six o'clock the wolf knocked on the little pig's door. "Are you ready, little pig?" he said.

"Oh! I have been to Farmer Smith's field," said the little pig. "I filled my basket with turn-ips and they are now cooking for my dinner."

The wolf was very angry, but he pretended not to be.

Then the wolf said, "If you will be ready at five o'clock, I will take you to Farmer Brown's apple tree. We will pick some red apples."

"Very well," said the little pig.

Next morning, the little pig set off at four o'clock. He found the apple tree. He was up in the tree, picking apples, when the wolf came along.

The little pig was very frightened, but he pretended not to be. He said, "These are fine apples, Mr. Wolf. I'll throw you one."

He threw down an apple, but it rolled away down the road. The wolf ran after it.

Then the little pig jumped down from the tree. He ran all the way home and shut his door quickly.

The wolf was very angry, but he still pretended not to be.

He went to the little pig's house and knocked

on the door. "Little pig," he said, "if you will be ready at four o'clock this afternoon, I will take you to the fair. We will have some fun on the swings and roundabouts. "

"Very well," said the little pig.

At two o'clock the little pig set off for the fair. He had great fun, riding on the swings and roundabouts.

Then he bought himself a butter churn. It looked like a big barrel.

As the little pig was going home he saw the wolf coming up the hill. The little pig was very frightened, so he jumped inside his butter churn.

The butter churn began to roll over and over, down the hill. It rolled faster and faster. It knocked the wolf down.

The wolf did not know what had knocked him down. He was so frightened that he ran away as quickly as he could. Little pig jumped out of his butter churn and carried it home.

The next day the wolf came and knocked on the little pig's door.

He said, "Little pig, I did not go to the fair yesterday. A great, big thing came rolling down the hill and knocked me over. "

"Ha-ha!" said the little pig. "That was me,

inside my butter churn!"

When the wolf heard this he was very, very, very angry indeed.

He said, "Little pig, I'm going to eat you up. I'm going to climb down your chimney to get you."

The little pig was very frightened, but he said nothing. He put a big pot of water on the fire, to boil.

The wolf climbed on to the roof. Then he began to come down the chimney.

The little pig took off the lid from the pot. Into the pot fell the wolf, with a big splash. And that was the end of the wolf.

The third little pig was too clever for him.

### III. Notes:

1. It took...to build it. 他建这座房子花了很长时间。
2. By the hair of my chinny chin chin. 我决心已定。
3. blow the house in 把房子吹倒

### IV. Reading Comprehension:

Tell the statements true or false according to the passage.

1. The three little pigs grew big enough to still



live with their mother.

2. The first pig's house was made of sticks.
3. The second pig's house was made of straw.
4. The third pig's house was made of bricks.
5. The house of the third pig was much stronger than those of the other two.
6. The wolf eats up the three pigs.
7. When the wolf couldn't blow the third pig's house down, he burst with anger and shouted.
8. The butter churn knocked the wolf down and killed him.
9. The wolf went into the third pig's house through the window.
10. The third pig was the cleverest one of the three.