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## 中国学生英语文库 出版前言

“中国学生英语文库”是一套由商务印书馆专门为我国学生精心设计编辑的英语读物文库，首批推出100种英汉对照简易读物。

首批100种分四辑出版，第一辑为世界经典童话故事（20种），第二辑为优秀科普简易读物（22种），第三辑为世界名人故事（10种），第四辑为世界经典文学简易读物（48种）。前两辑的读者对象为小学生，后两辑的读者对象为中学生。全四辑英汉对照，图文并茂，知识性强，通俗易懂，引人入胜。

第一辑精选了20种美丽动人的经典童话故事，既给人以丰富的想象又陶冶人的心灵，让人在童话的世界里感受真善美。第二辑精选了22种颇具代表性的科普作品，不仅给人以科学新知，唤起人们对科学的兴趣，更让人享受到阅读的愉悦。第三辑精选了10种广为流传的世界名人故事，一个个传奇人生，一幅幅成功画卷，无一不激励人生，催人奋进。第四辑精选了48种最为脍炙人口的世界文学名著简写本，对人们开阔眼界、陶冶情操、丰富个性、提高素质大有裨益。

“中国学生英语文库”得到了我国国学大师、学界泰斗季羨林先生和我国英语教育界胡文仲先生、胡壮麟先生、陆谷孙先生、王蔷先生等众多专家、学者、教师以及国外多家出版公司的大力支持和帮助，在此表示由衷的感谢。

我们相信，这套文库将会推动我国英语教育的发展，并受到我国广大学生的青睐。

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## 专家的话

对于初学者和中等程度的学习者来说,阅读简易读物几乎是学好英语的必由之路。不仅要读,而且要持续地大量地读。“中国学生英语文库”为读者提供了一批精选的题材多样的简易读本。这对于提高学生的英语水平和综合素质都将起到极好的作用。

中国英语教学研究会会长 胡文仲  
北京外国语大学教授

“中国学生英语文库”为我国中小學生提供了100种英汉对照简易读物,方便学生在课外阅读英语经典名著,打好扎实的英语功底。“文库”选材广泛,使学生能在知识的乐园中尽情漫游,增长知识。“文库”特别关注素质教育,让学生在学英语的同时汲取西方文化的精髓,孕育优美情操。

北京大学资深教授 胡壮麟

我们的中小学同学若能轻轻松松读懂这套英文简易读物,不去孤立地死记硬背一个个单词,而是用英语笔写口述来反馈整体的故事内容,依我看至少也该有两千左右的单词可供活用。作为初学者,那也属相当了不起了。

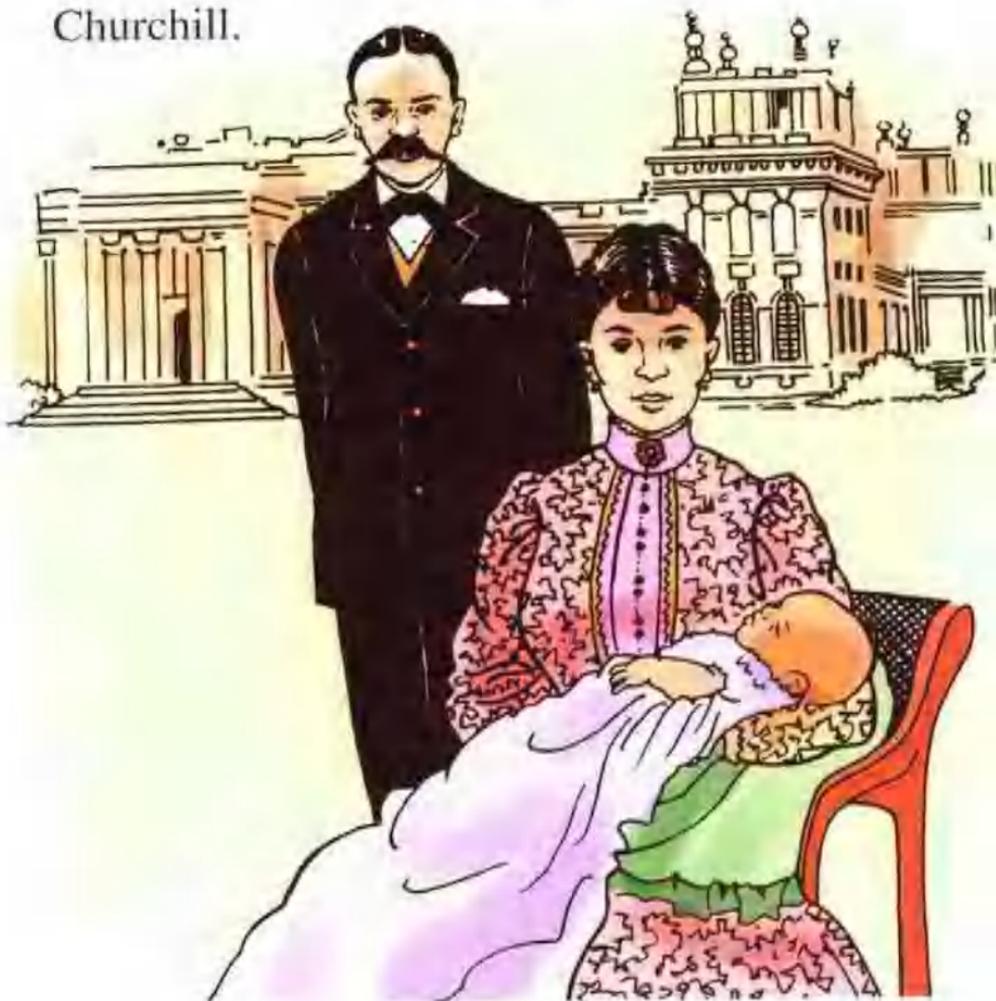
复旦大学杰出教授 陆谷孙

有益的书藉不仅能丰富孩子的阅历,触发细腻的情感,启发敏锐的洞察力,发展对真善美的感知力,更能培养孩子自觉读书、深入思考、发展思维和善于表达的能力。愿这套“中国学生英语文库”能为孩子们思维和语言的发展插上翅膀。

北京师范大学教授 王 蔷

# Winston Churchill

One winter's night in 1874, a boy was born in a duke's palace. The boy was the duke's grandson and his name was Winston Churchill.



In those days, many children in wealthy families did not see their parents much. Winston was **looked after** by a nanny. He called her 'Woomany', and loved her dearly.



But when he was seven, Winston was sent away to school. He was **miserable**, and often came bottom of his class.



Winston's father wanted Winston to be a lawyer, but he didn't think Winston was clever enough. So instead, when Winston left school, he trained to be a soldier.



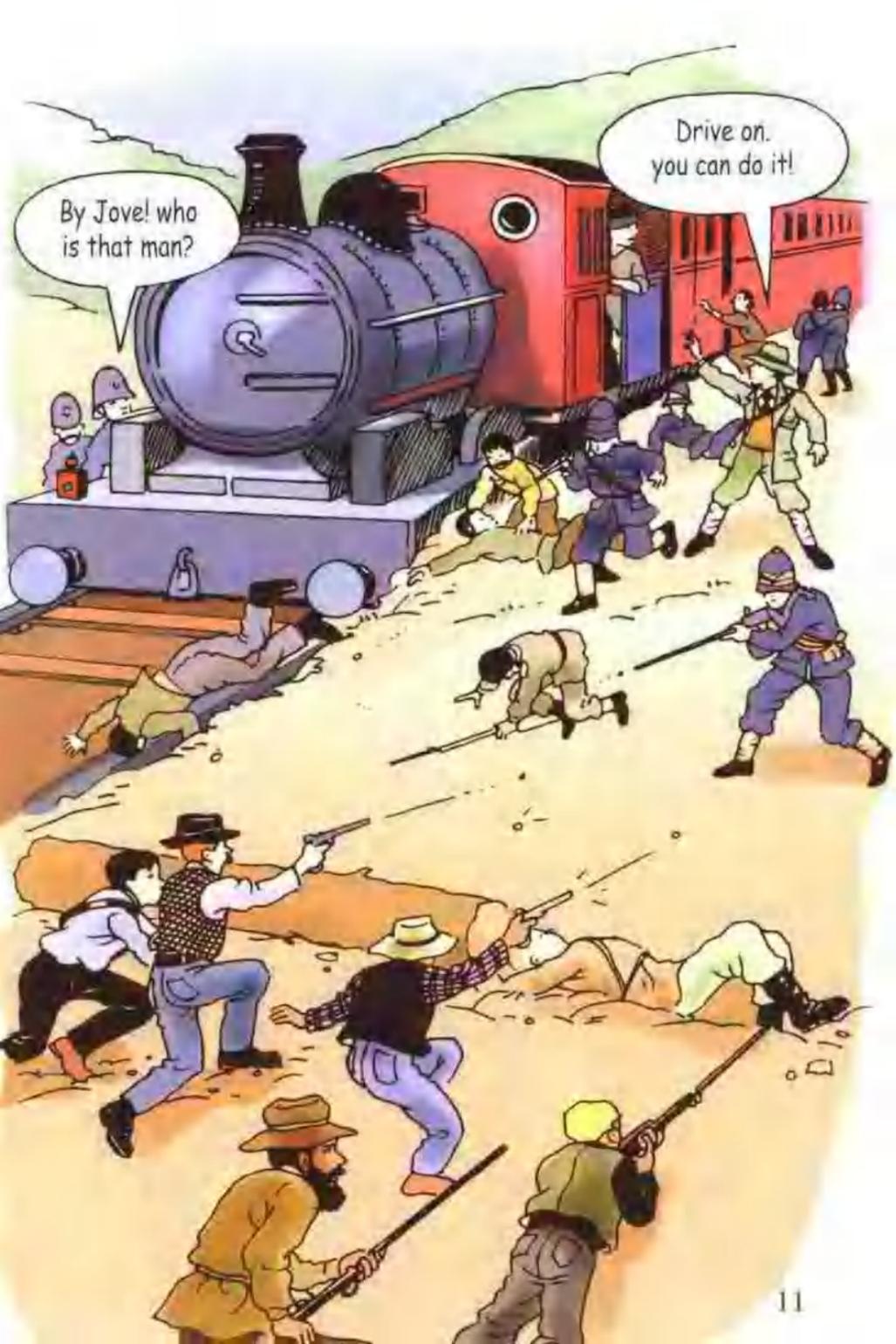
He loved it, and was very good at battle **tactics**. In his spare time, Winston read as many books as he could. He knew he wouldn't be a soldier forever.



When Churchill was 24, there was a war in South Africa called the Boer War. Churchill had taken a break from the army, so he went to the war as a reporter.



One day, the train Churchill was travelling on was attacked. He **took charge**, and helped the wounded soldiers get to safety. Then he returned to the fighting and was **captured**.



By Jove! who is that man?

Drive on.  
you can do it!

Thrown into prison, Churchill was **desperate** to escape.

He had no **compass**, no map and no money but he did get away. He hid on a coal train, and then down a mine.



At last, he reached safety. By now, everyone had heard about his bravery.



Churchill knew what he wanted to be: a politician, like his father. When he came back to Britain, he **stood for** election and won.



At this time, the two main political parties were the Conservatives, or Tories, and the Liberals. Churchill was a Tory. Soon, though, he began to disagree with what the Tory Government was doing. He decided to change parties.

