

The Three Little Pigs

Once upon a time there was an old **sow** who had three little pigs, and as she had not enough for them to eat, she said they had better go out into the world and seek their fortunes.

Now the eldest pig went first, and as he **trotted** along the road he met a man carrying a **bundle** of straw. So he said very **politely**:

"If you please, sir, could you give me that straw to build me a house?"

And the man, seeing what good manners the little pig had, gave him the straw, and the little pig set to work and built a beautiful house with it.

Now, when it was finished, a wolf happened to pass that way; and he saw the house, and he **smelt** the pig inside.

So he knocked at the door and said:

"Little pig! Little pig! Let me in! Let me in!"

But the little pig saw the wolf's big paws through the **keyhole**, so he answered back:

"No! No! Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin!"

Then the wolf showed his teeth and said:

"Then I'll **huff** and I'll **puff** and I'll blow your house in."

So he huffed and he puffed and he **blew** the house in. Then he ate up the little piggy and went on his way.

Now, the next piggy, when he started, met a man carrying a **bundle** of sticks, and, very **politely**, he said to him:

"If you please, sir, could you give me those sticks to build me a house?"

And the man, seeing what good manners the little pig had, gave him the sticks, and the little pig set to work and built himself a beautiful house.

Now it so happened that when the house was finished the wolf passed that way; and he saw the house, and he **smelt** the pig inside.

So he knocked at the door and said:

"Little pig! Little pig! Let me in! Let me in!"

But the little pig peeped through the **keyhole** and saw the wolf's great ears, so he answered back:

"No! No! Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin!"

Then the wolf showed his teeth and said:

"Then I'll **huff** and I'll **puff** and I'll blow your house in!"

So he huffed and he puffed and he **blew** the house in. Then he ate up the little piggy and went on his way.

Now the third little piggy, when he started, met a man carrying a load of bricks, and, very **politely**, he said:

"If you please sir, could you give me those bricks to build me a house?"

And the man, seeing that he had been well brought up, gave him the bricks, and the little pig set to work and built himself a beautiful house.

And once again it happened that when it was finished the wolf came that way; and he saw the house, and he **smelt** the pig inside.

So he knocked at the door and said:

“Little pig! Little pig! Let me in! Let me in!”

But the little pig peeped through the **keyhole** and saw the wolf’s great eyes, so he answered:

“No! No! Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin!”

“Then I’ll **huff** and I’ll **puff** and I’ll blow your house in!” says the wolf, showing his teeth.

Well he huffed and he puffed. He puffed and he huffed. And he huffed, huffed, and he puffed, puffed; but he could not blow the house down.

At last he was so out of breath that he couldn’t **huff** and he couldn’t **puff** any more. The wolf danced about with **rage** and swore he would come down the chimney and eat up the little pig for his supper. But while he was climbing on to the roof the little pig made up a **blazing** fire and put on a big pot full of water to boil. Then, just as the wolf was coming down the chimney, the little piggy off with the lid, and the wolf fell into the **scalding** water.

So the little piggy put on the cover again, **boiled** the wolf up, and ate him for supper.

Vocabulary

Sow- mother pig.

Trotted – walked at a quick, steady pace, often used to describe animals.

Bundle – a group of items wrapped or tied together.

Polite – showing good manners and respect for others.

Smelt – past tense of "smell," meaning to detect the scent of something.

Keyhole – the hole where a key is inserted to unlock a door.

Huff – to breathe heavily, often out of frustration or exertion.

Puff – to blow air in short bursts, often associated with effort.

Blew – past tense of "blow," meaning to move air or cause something to move by blowing.

Rage – extreme anger or fury.

Blazing – burning brightly and intensely.

Scalding – extremely hot, typically referring to liquids.

Boil – to heat a liquid until it reaches a temperature where it bubbles and turns into vapor.

