

THE STORY OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

An English fairy tale, with illustrations by Leonard Leslie Brooke

Once upon a time there was an old sow with three little pigs, and as she had not enough to keep them, she sent them out to seek their fortune¹.



The first that went off met a man with a bundle of straw², and said to him, "Please, man, give me that straw to build me a house", which the man did, and the little pig built a house with it. Presently came along a wolf, and knocked at the door, and said, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

To which the pig answered, "No, no, by the hair of my chinny chin chin³!"

"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 blew his house in, and ate up the little pig.

The second pig met a man with a bundle of furze⁴, and said, "Please, man, give me that furze to build a house"; which the man did, and the pig built his house.

Then along came the wolf and said, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

"No, no, by the hair of my chinny chin chin."

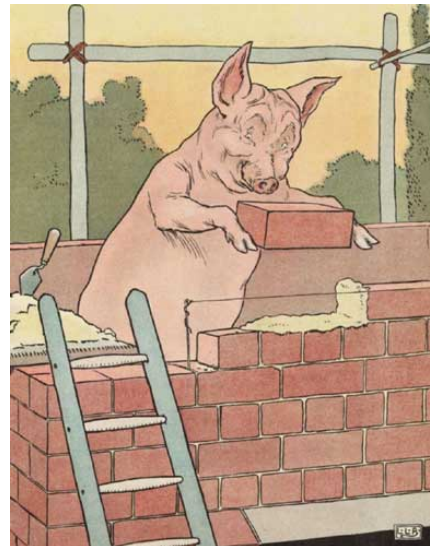
"Then I'll puff and I'll huff, and I'll blow your house in!" So he huffed and he puffed, and he puffed and he huffed, and at last he blew the house down, and ate up the second little Pig.

The third little pig met a man with a load of bricks⁵, and said, "Please, man, give me those bricks to build a house with"; so the man gave him the bricks, and he built his house with them. So the wolf came, as he did to the other little pigs, and said, "Little pig, little pig, let me come in."

"No, no, by the hair of my chinny chin chin."

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

Well, he huffed and he puffed, and he huffed and he puffed, and he puffed and he huffed; but he could not get the house down. When he found that he could not, with



¹ sent them out to seek their fortune: schickte sie in die Welt, um ihr Glück zu suchen

² a bundle of straw: ein Bündel Stroh

³ by the hair of my chin: bei meinem Bart!

⁴ a bundle of furze: ein Ginsterbündel

⁵ brick: Ziegelstein

all his huffing and puffing, blow the house down, he said, "Little pig, I know where there is a nice field of turnips⁶."

"Where?" said the little pig.

"Oh, in Mr. Smith's home-field; and if you will be ready to-morrow morning, I will call for you, and we will go together and get some for dinner."

"Very well," said the little pig, "I will be ready. What time do you mean to go?"

"Oh, at six o'clock."

Well, the little pig got up at five, and got the turnips and was home again before six. When the wolf came he said, "Little pig, are you ready?"

"Ready!" said the little pig, "I have been and come back again, and got a nice pot-full for dinner."

The wolf felt very angry at this, but thought that he would be up to the little Pig somehow or other; so he said, "Little pig, I know where there is a nice apple-tree."

"Where?" said the pig.

"Down at Merry-garden," replied the wolf; "and if you don't deceive⁷ me I will come for you, at five o'clock tomorrow, and we will go together and get some apples."

Well, the little pig woke at four the next morning, and bustled up⁸, and went off for the apples, hoping to get

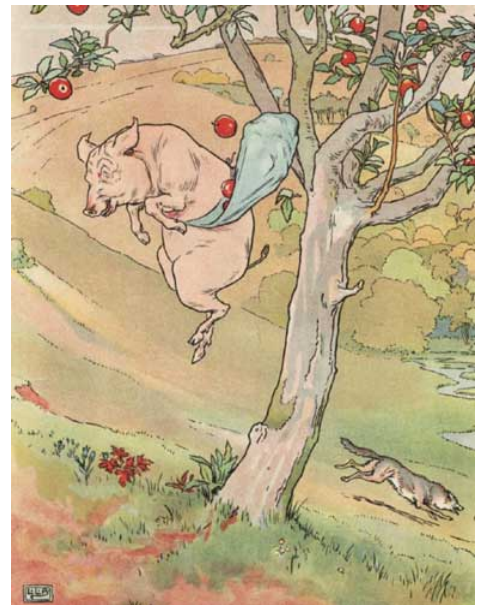
back before the wolf came; but he had farther to go, and had to climb the tree, so that just as he was coming down from it, he saw the wolf coming, which, as you may suppose, frightened him very much. When the wolf came up he said, "Little pig, what! Are you here before me? Are they nice apples?"

"Yes, very," said the little pig; "I will throw you down one." And he threw it so far that, while the wolf was gone to pick it up, the little pig jumped down and ran home.

The next day the wolf came again, and said to the little pig, "Little pig, there is a fair⁹ in the town this afternoon: will you go?"

"Oh, yes," said the pig, "I will go; what time shall you be ready?"

"At three," said the wolf.



⁶ turnip: Rübe

⁷ deceive: täuschen, enttäuschen

⁸ bustle up: sich beeilen

⁹ fair: Markt



So the little pig went off before the time, as usual, and got to the fair, and bought a butter churn¹⁰, and was on his way home with it when he saw the Wolf coming. Then he could not tell what to do. So he got into the churn to hide, and in doing so turned it round, and it began to roll, and rolled down the hill with the pig inside it, which frightened the Wolf so much that he ran home without going to the fair.

He went to the little pig's house, and told him how frightened he had been by a great round thing which came down the hill past him.

Then the little pig said, "Hah! I frightened you, did I? I had been to the Fair and bought a butter churn, and when I saw you I got into it, and rolled down the hill."

Then the wolf was very angry indeed, and declared¹¹ he would eat up the little pig, and that he would get down the chimney¹² after him.

When the little Pig saw what he was about, he hung on the pot full of water, and made up a blazing fire, and, just as the Wolf was coming down, took off the cover¹³ of the pot, and in fell the Wolf. And the little Pig put on the cover again in an instant, boiled him up, and ate him for supper, and lived happy ever after.



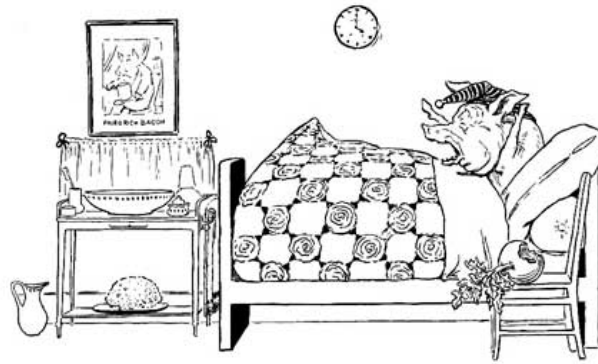
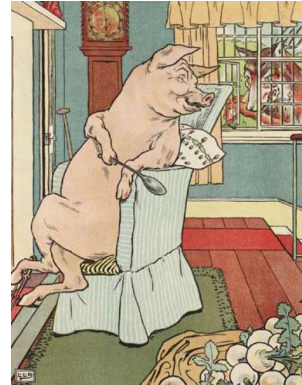
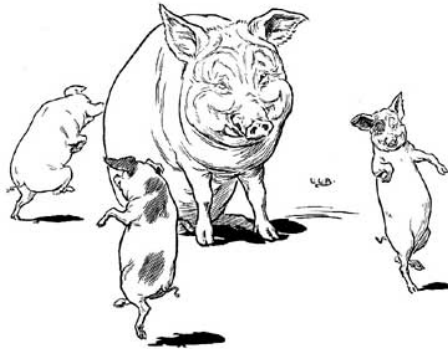
¹⁰ butter churn: Butterfass

¹¹ declare: erklären

¹² chimney: Kamin

¹³ cover (hier): Deckel

EXERCISE 1 An welche Stelle im Text gehören diese Bilder? Unterstreiche die Textstellen, die besonders gut zu der abgebildeten Szene passen.



EXERCISE 2 Beschreibe die Bilder aus Aufgabe 1 so genau wie möglich. Wo sind die „Personen“ und was tun sie gerade? Was ist im Hintergrund zu sehen?

Nützliche Ausdrücke und Wendungen:

there is / there are ...

In the first picture, there is ...

At the bottom / at the top / in the right corner
/ in the center you can see ...

In the background / foreground there are ...

The pig is

The pig has just ...

Nützliche Vokabeln:

trees – grass – roof of a house – floor – rug
– clock – window – curtains – turnips – bag
– bed – hat – jug – wall – washing bowl –
blanket

EXERCISE 3 Verbessere die falschen Sätze.

- The pig buys a butter churn at the supermarket.
- The second pig meets a man with a bundle of wood.
- The turnips grow in Mr. Smith's garden.
- The pig eats the wolf for lunch.
- The wolf climbs through the window.
- The pig hides from the wolf in a box.

EXERCISE 4 Wiederholung zu den If-Sätzen Typ 1: Verbinde die beiden Spalten der Tabelle und vervollständige die Sätze unten mit der richtigen Zeit.

a) If you build your house with straw or furze,		1) you will be safe from the wolf.
b) If you build your house with bricks,		2) he will eat him.
c) If the wolf catches the pig,		3) he will fall into the water pot.
d) If the wolf comes down the chimney,		4) he will feel sick.
e) If the pig eats the whole wolf by himself,		5) the wolf will blow it in.

f) Little pig, if you _____ (be) too slow, the wolf _____ (catch) you.

g) Wolf, if you _____ (want) to catch the pig, you _____ (have) to be smarter.

h) If I _____ (go) to the fair, I _____ (buy) a butter churn.

i) If I _____ (wake) up in time, I _____ (go) to the apple tree before the wolf gets here.

j) The wolf _____ (not find) me if I _____ (hide) in the butter churn.

k) If the butter churn _____ (roll) down the hill, the wolf _____ (be) frightened.

l) If you _____ (ask) the man, he _____ (give) you straw.

Lösungen

EXERCISE 1

Bild 1: "the little pig got up at five, and got the turnips"

Bild 2: ganz am Anfang – "once upon a time there was an old sow with three little pigs"

Bild 3: der Wolf kommt zum Haus des Schweins, nachdem dieses die Rüben geerntet hat:

"Ready!" said the little pig, "I have been and come back again, and got a nice pot-full for dinner."

Bild 4: the pig "had to climb the tree"

Bild 5: früh am Morgen, bevor das Schwein die Äpfel pflücken geht - "the little pig woke at four the next morning"

EXERCISE 2

In the first picture, the pig is stealing turnips from Mr. Smith's field. He has got a bag full of turnips and a knife. He looks very pleased with himself. In the background you can see grass, a path, trees, a river and the roof of a house.

In the second picture there's a sow with three piglets. The sow is sitting in the center. The little pigs are dancing around her. One of the little pigs has black spots.

In the third picture, the pig is sitting in his white and blue armchair at home. He is holding a spoon and talking to the wolf at the window. He has a comfortable house: There is a fireplace, yellow curtains, a green rug on the floor and a grandfather's clock. At the bottom of the picture, you can see the bag of turnips which the pig has stolen.

In the fourth picture, the pig is climbing the apple tree. It looks very exhausting. He has a bag for the apples with him.

In the fifth picture, the pig is waking up. He is yawning and stretching and he's wearing a hat. In the foreground, there is a turnip on a chair. In the background, there's a clock. Next to the bed, there's a small table with a washing bowl and a sponge. There's a picture of a pig on the wall over the table and a water jug on the floor.

EXERCISE 3 Verbessere die falschen Sätze.

- a) The pig buys a butter churn at the **fair**.
- b) The second pig meets a man with a bundle of **furze**.
- c) The turnips grow in Mr. Smith's **field**.
- d) The pig eats the wolf for **supper/dinner**.
- e) The wolf climbs through the **chimney**.
- f) The pig hides from the wolf in a **butter churn**.

EXERCISE 4

a5, b1, c2, d3, e4; f) are – will catch; g) want – will have to; h) go – will buy; i) wake – will go; j) won't find – hide; k) rolls – will be l) ask – will give