

The Three Little Pigs

Once upon a time there were three little pigs and the time came for them to leave home and seek their fortunes.

Before they left, their mother told them "Whatever you do, do it the best that you can because that's the way to get along in the world. The first little pig built his house out of straw because it was the easiest thing to do.

The second little pig built his house out of sticks. This was a little bit stronger than a straw house.

The third little pig built his house out of bricks.

One night the big bad wolf, who dearly loved to eat fat little piggies, came along and saw the first little pig in his house of straw. He said "Let me in, Let me in, little pig or I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in!"

"Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin", said the little pig.

But of course the wolf did blow the house in and ate the first little pig. The wolf then came to the house of sticks.

"Let me in ,Let me in little pig or I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in" "Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin", said the little pig. But the wolf blew that house in too, and ate the second little pig.

The wolf then came to the house of bricks.

"Let me in , let me in" cried the wolf

"Or I'll huff and I'll puff till I blow your house in"

"Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin," said the pig.

Well, the wolf huffed and puffed but he could not blow down that brick house.

But the wolf was a sly old wolf and he climbed up on the roof to look for a way into the brick house.

The little pig saw the wolf climb up on the roof and lit a roaring fire in the fireplace and placed on it a large kettle of water.

When the wolf finally found the hole in the chimney he crawled down and KERSPLASH right into that kettle of water and that was the end of his troubles with the big bad wolf.



What is a pig?

Which pigs could be labeled as failures?

Describe the first pig's house.

If the first and second pigs had used stronger building materials, what might have happened?

Identify the problem in the story.

Tell what kind of house the wolf visited first, second, and then third.

List the three kinds of houses the pigs built.

What was the moral of the story?

Name the pig that was the most intelligent.

When building a house, what kinds of building materials should you use?

What did you notice about the first pig's house.

What is wrong with building houses with flimsy building materials?

Recite what the wolf said at each pig's house.

What would happen if you used toilet paper to build a house with?

Scan the story to find where the problem was solved.

Imagine the money a builder could make on houses built of straw.

How was the third pig a hero?

Which character in the story suffered the most?

How were the first two pigs similar?

What do you think will happen the next time the wolf sees a pig?

How were the first and third pigs different?

What lesson do you think the wolf learned?

On the chart below, sort the questions and statements according to Costa's Levels of Intellectual Functioning.

Level 1 (Right There in the Text)

Level 2 (Reading Between the Lines)

Level 3 (Moving Beyond the Text)