

## 中年級英語朗讀比賽題目

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## A Lazy Farmer

A lazy farmer liked to eat but hated to work. He daydreamed all day long about becoming a rich man. One day, he found a lot of ripe corn in a cornfield nearby. He sneaked into the field and picked a whole bag of corn. He thought happily, "If I sell the corn in the market, I will earn a lot of money." "And then, I can buy chickens. When the chickens grow, I can sell them and buy sheep." "The sheep will have lambs. After the lambs grow, I will sell them and earn a bunch of money. Until that time, I will be able to buy land to plant fruit trees. I'll hire workers to water, weed, and care for the trees." The more the farmer daydreamed, the more he was pleased. Finally, he forgot he was stealing corn and laughed loudly. His sounds of laughter were so loud that the owner heard them. The owner yelled right away, "Thief! Catch the thief. "How dare you not work and just steal from others!" Many friends of the owner came to run after the thief and shouted. The lazy farmer was frightened and ran away. The whole bag of picked corn was left behind. He did not carry away any corn. From then on, the lazy farmer dared no longer come closer to the cornfield. Instead, he started to work hard and became a hard-working farmer.

## Sherry and Her Grandma

One day, Sherry's grandma was sick. Sherry's mother received a letter from Grandma. Mom asked Sherry to take a basket of food with her and visit her grandma. On the way, Sherry saw some friends playing hide and seek. She waved goodbye to them and walked on. And then, she met a big bad wolf. The wolf had nothing to eat for many days, so he was starving and wanted to eat Sherry and her grandma. The wolf told Sherry to pick some flowers in the forest as a gift for her grandma. Then he ran very fast to the old lady's house. He knocked on the door, entered the house, leaped onto Grandma's bed, and swallowed her all. After a while, the wolf put on her clothes, jumped into her bed, and pretended to be the grandma.

When Sherry arrived, she asked "her grandma" why she looked so strange with huge eyes, ears, and teeth. The wolf said nothing but suddenly jumped out of bed and ate Sherry. Luckily, a hunter passed by, heard the noise and saved both of them from the wolf's stomach. Grandma and Sherry said, "Thank you very much for helping us." Grandma, Sherry, and the hunter shared the basket of food and had a great afternoon.

## The Story of Jim and Jill

Jim and Jill were brother and sister. Their dad was a poor woodcutter. One night, Mom told Dad, "We have no more food." Dad felt worried. Jim went to his sister and said, "Jill, wake up. We have no more food." Jill cried and asked, "What can we do?" They planned to go to the forest to get more wood for their dad. They walked into the forest. It was quiet. Jill felt scared. She asked, "Can we find our way home?" Jim had a good idea. He dropped some bread on the ground to help them find their way home. But the birds ate up all the bread. They couldn't go home. They got lost in the forest. They felt cold and hungry.

Luckily, they saw a cookie house and went inside. Without asking, they ate the chocolate window and candy door. A woman came in and shouted, "How dare you!" She caught Jill and locked her in a cage. She wanted to eat Jill and told Jim to light a fire. She asked Jim, "Is the stove hot?" Jim was smart. He said, "Please come and check." The woman looked into the stove, and Jim immediately pushed her inside. The woman was on fire. Jim helped Jill out of the cage. They ran away together. On their way home, they saw their dad and mom. Happily, they found more and more wood with effort. They worked together and made more money. Of course, they lived a happy life ever after.