

The Story of the Three Little Pigs – Jigsaw Activity

(Revised from the original children’s book)

Teacher Instructions: Print and cut out the following sections of the story below. Divide students into eight (8) small groups and pass out the story sections and vocabulary list. Have each group work together and fill in the blanks of their assigned section. Randomly call on each group and have them read their story section to the class and place their story section on a timeline on the board or wall. As each section is read, the class can select to move the position of the previously read sections. Once all sections are posted on the timeline/wall correctly, select a student(s) to read the entire story.

Once upon a time, there were three pigs who wanted to become independent and move away from home. When they told their parents of their desire, the parents offered their blessing with a little advice as all good parents would do.

Papa said to the piglets, “There are wolves out there that might deceive you, and you must be careful. One of those wolves may come in the form of ____1____. Credit is a good thing that can become a bad thing if it is used unwisely. Credit is ____2____ made available to you (the ____3____) by a lender. When you use credit, you must understand that it obligates your future ____4____. There are two types of credit:

- 1) ____5____ credit, which means you pay a set payment for a set period of time, and
 - 2) ____6____ credit, which is open-ended credit which can become a cycle where you charge an item, pay on your debt and repeat, never fully pay the debt. Typically you pay higher ____7____, (which is the cost of using someone else’s money) on revolving credit.”
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Mama said, “____8____ is good to use on ____9____ like a house which may increase in value. It is also good to use on tools such as a car that help you earn a living. Having a credit card with a modest ____10____ (the maximum amount the loaner agrees to lend) is a good idea for emergencies. Just make sure you use it only for emergencies or perhaps when you need a credit card to purchase something off the Internet. Then you should pay the debt off during the ____11____ period if at all possible.”

Name: _____ Period: _____ Date: _____

Mama continued, "Since you have never had credit before and do not have a _____ 12 _____, it will be harder for you to get a credit card and you will have to pay a _____ 13 _____ rate of interest. It is important that you make your _____ 14 _____ on time. There will be a _____ 15 _____ on revolving credit which is usually about 25-30 days in which you pay no interest if you pay your credit card off. Paying your bills on time allows you to maintain a high _____ 16 _____, which represents your ability to repay a loan. You want to maintain a good _____ 17 _____, a report detailing your payment history, because you will need a good report if you want to borrow money in the future."

Piglet One went out on his own and got a _____ 18 _____ with an interest rate of 21%, but he neglected to read the fine print on the contract. He did not really know he was paying 21% interest. **Piglet One** likes the good life, and **Mama** saw him at a restaurant paying for his meal with a _____ 19 _____ card. She scolded him, "**Piglet One**, you will be paying on this meal long after your food is _____ 20 _____. Didn't I tell you that it is not a good idea to use a credit card on _____ 21 _____ items?" "I was hungry," whined **Piglet One**. "You need to eat at home where it is cheaper if you do not have cash to pay for your meal," **Mama said**, "or you can visit me and I will feed you." Needless to say, **Piglet One** did not heed mama's advice, and within a few months he had to come back home to live because he had reached the _____ 22 _____, or maximum amount on his credit card.

He had obligated so much of his future income that it was difficult to even pay the _____ 23 _____ or least amount required to pay on revolving credit. By moving back home, he would not have to pay rent so he could pay more than the _____ 24 _____ and pay more on the _____ 25 _____, the original amount of money owed without interest. When he was making only the _____ 26 _____, he was paying mostly interest, which means it would have taken years to pay off the _____ 27 _____.

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Piglet Two used _____ 28 _____ to purchase a new car. He loves sports cars, so he bought his dream car. His car payment was \$650.00 a month, and he purchased the car at a 3% _____ 29 _____ rate. He was pleased with the interest rate and thought he had made a great deal. Then he went to his insurance agent to get his new purchase insured. He learned that because he now owned a sports car and because of his age, his insurance increased drastically. He was having trouble paying for gas and food after paying his rent, car payment and insurance, so he also had to move back in with **Mama** and **Papa**.

Piglet Three had observed the mistakes his siblings had made and decided to be very careful with his spending. He got a roommate to share his rent and utilities. He _____ 30 _____ at least 10% of his income each month. He purchased a modest car and made sure he made his payments on time so he could establish a good _____ 31 _____ . He resisted the temptation to use his _____ 32 _____ for his wants, which is _____ 33 _____ credit at a higher rate of _____ 34 _____. Within two years, he was able to take part of his _____ 35 _____ and make a _____ 36 _____ on a home, which is a _____ 37 _____. He was pleased with the choices he made and lived happily ever after.

Piglet One and **Two** learned from their mistakes. They did have to move back home in order to get back on track. Both of them got _____ 38 _____ to learn when to use credit wisely and when credit looks more like the Big Bad Wolf. They recognized that they could learn from their mistakes and that even though it took them longer to recover from their bad choices, it is possible to build a good _____ 39 _____ after making mistakes.

The End

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The Story of the Three Little Pigs – Jigsaw Activity Vocabulary List

The number next to each vocabulary word represents how many times the word will be used in the story.

borrower - 1	higher - 1
consumable - 1	income - 1
credit - 3	installment - 1
credit card - 2	installment credit - 1
credit history - 3	interest - 3
credit limit - 2	investment - 1
credit report - 1	minimum payment - 3
credit score - 1	money - 1
digested - 1	payment - 1
down payment - 1	principal - 2
financial counseling - 1	revolving - 2
financial investment - 1	saved - 1
grace - 1	savings - 1
grace period - 1	