# CHOOSE ONE TO READ, BUT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE OTHERS. YOU MAY BE ASKED TO READ MORE THAN ONE.

## Blue Fairy, Assorted Fairies

Now ladies, as y you know, tonight we're here to celebrate yet another of my perfectly granted wishes, bringing the puppet boy Pinocchio to life for his lonely toy-maker father, Geppetto. You know, this brings my success rate to ... well.. one hundred percent. Yes, that's right. I have a perfect track record. ........... Thank you, Thank you.

### **Pinocchio**

I didn't do it! It wasn't me. I was just sitting here, listening to you, when... this wind came in through the window and.... Knocked the shelf down and... (as his nose grows longer, he stops, alarmed) What's happened to my nose?? But I'm not! I'm not lying! I'm not, I'm not, I'm not!

## Signora Giovanni (teacher)

You're not very good at listening, are you, Pinocchio?

He's fast becoming a delinquent, Signor Geppetto, and if you're not careful he'll end up running off to Pleasure Island. Take your boy home before he causes any more trouble. (*Then she turns to go*) Why is it the people who shouldn't have children who have children.

### **Stromboli** — an ambitious puppeteer

There's another show in two hours! Tell all your friends! (pretend that there are all the marionettes lying about and you are counting all the coins you made today)

One thousand one, one thousand two,.. We really cleaned up, my little Pinocchio. Just think... a thousand pieces of gold for every town in Italy! What do you say to that?

Oh no my dear little stringless puppet. We must lock up our valuables lest someone steal them.....

### **Gepetto** — a lonely toy maker

(Inside the whale) I don't know. It's my fault we're stuck in here. And you shouldn't have to pay for my mistakes. You should call to the Blue Fairy and wish for her to take you home. And while you're at it, wish for a new dad too. I don't know how you could ever forgive me......

## Children

I'm in a room that is full of toys! I'm in a shop that is bursting with toys... things you can pummel and pull. I see toys you jiggle, toys you juggle, toys you hold at night and snuggle.