**英語朗讀比賽文章4rd grade**

**Two Friends and the Bear (185)**

**Tom and John were two friends. One day they were passing through a dense forest.**

**John said, “Friend, I am afraid there are wild animals in this forest. What will we do if a wild animal attacks us?”**

**“Don’t be afraid, John,” said Tom, “I will stand by your side if any danger comes. We will fight together and save ourselves.” So, they went on their journey.**

**But suddenly they saw a bear coming towards them. Tom at once got up the nearest tree. He did not think about what his friend would do.**

**John did not know how to climb a tree. He had no way of escape. He was helpless.**

**But soon he had a plan. He fell flat on the ground like a dead man.**

**The bear came up to John. It smelled his nose, ears and eyes. It thought he was dead and went away.**

**Then Tom came down from the tree. He said to John, “What did the bear whisper in your ear?”**

**John said, “The bear told me, ‘Do not trust a friend who leaves his friend in danger.’**