

The Ant and the Grasshopper

One day, a grasshopper was relaxing in a field, eating as much grass as he could. When his tummy was full, he began to play some music. He was having a great time in the sun.



Then, an ant walked by. The ant was carrying some corn.

“Come and sing with me!” said the grasshopper. “No,” said the ant. “I am busy getting food for the winter.”

“Don’t worry about the winter!” said the grasshopper. “We have lots of food and it is sunny today.”

But the ant went on his way and carried on collecting food.

“What a silly ant!” said the grasshopper. “He can worry about winter when it is winter!”



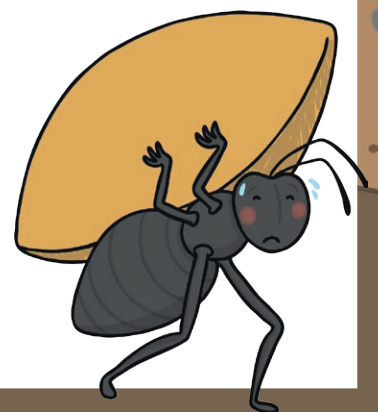
When winter came, the grasshopper had no food. The ant and his family had plenty to eat.

“Please can I have some of your food?” said the grasshopper. “No!” said the ant. “You said I was silly!”

The grasshopper was hungry all winter. He learnt a very hard lesson.



Work hard today to get ready for tomorrow.



Questions

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- a grasshopper
- a cricket
- an ant
- a ladybird

2. What was the grasshopper doing in the field? Tick two.

- sunbathing
- eating grass
- playing football
- playing music

3. Why did the grasshopper think that the ant was silly? Tick one.

- because he was pulling a funny face
- because he was collecting food for the winter on a sunny day
- because he was telling jokes

4. What happened to the grasshopper when it was winter? Tick one.

- he lit a fire to keep warm
- he had to wear a warm coat
- he had no food

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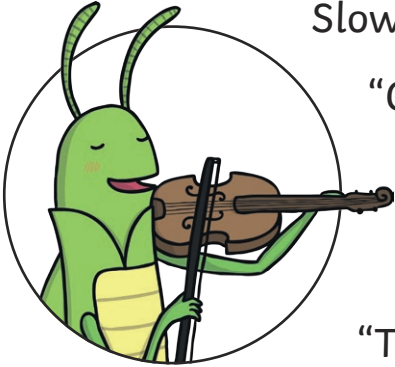
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Slowly, an ant walked by, carrying some corn.

"Come and sing with me!" called the grasshopper. "No," replied the ant. "I am busy collecting food to prepare for the winter."

"There's no need for that! Don't worry about the winter!" said the grasshopper.

"We have lots of food and it is sunny today."

But the ant shook his head and went on his way. He carried on collecting food all day, walking slowly past the grasshopper with his corn.



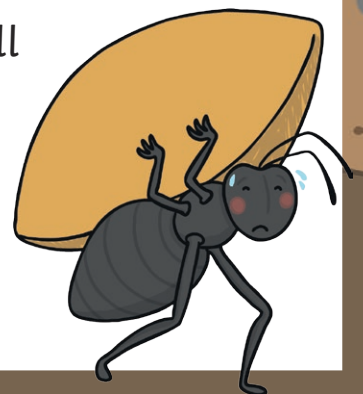
"What a silly ant!" said the grasshopper. "He should worry about winter when it is winter!"

When winter finally came and the snow was on the ground, the grasshopper had no food. The hardworking ant and his family had plenty to eat.

"Please can I have some of your food?" said the grasshopper. "No!" shouted the ant. "You said I was silly!"

So, the grasshopper was hungry all winter. He learnt a very hard lesson.

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autumn

winter

summer

2. What did the grasshopper want the ant to do? Tick one.

have a picnic with him

sing with him

play football with him

3. Complete the sentences. The first one is done for you.

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Expect various appropriate adjectives such as: clever, busy, small, tiny, energetic, strong.

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Slowly, an ant passed him by, carrying an ear of corn.

“Why not come and sing with me?” called the grasshopper.

“No,” replied the ant. “I am busy collecting food to prepare for the winter. I recommend that you do the same.”

“Why bother about winter?” said the grasshopper. “We have plenty of food and it is a beautiful sunny day.”



But the ant shook his head and went on his way. He continued with his hard work all day, walking slowly past the grasshopper with his corn.

“What a silly ant!” said the lazy grasshopper. “He should worry about winter when it is winter!”

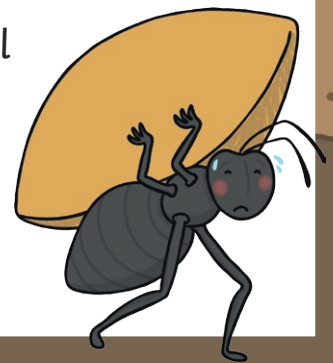
When winter finally came and the snow was on the ground, the grasshopper had no food. The ant and his family had plenty to eat from the stores of grain he had collected in the summer.

“Please can I have some of your food?” begged the grasshopper. “You can spare a little bit of corn.”

“No!” shouted the ant. “You said I was silly!”

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Questions

1. The first line of the story is:

'In a field one summer's day, a grasshopper was relaxing, eating as much grass as he could.'

Choose another word that you could use instead of 'eating'.

2. Why wouldn't the ant play with the grasshopper? Tick one.

because he didn't want to

because he was busy collecting food for the winter

because he had to get home for tea

3. Who had the most food in the winter? Why?

4. The moral of the story is 'Work hard today to be prepared for tomorrow.'
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Accept various synonyms of 'eating', such as gobbling, chomping, munching, chewing, etc.

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3. Who had the most food in the winter? Why?

The ant had the most food in the winter because he had collected and stored food in the summer.

4. The moral of the story is 'Work hard today to be prepared for tomorrow.'

What else can we learn from the story?

Expect various answers, such as: try your best, work hard, be prepared, don't be lazy, listen to others.

5. The ant refused to share his food with the grasshopper at the end of the story. Was this the right thing to do? Explain your answer.

Expect various answers, such as: Yes, because the grasshopper didn't listen to him and called him silly; No, because he should have shown kindness and shared.