

The Ant and the Grasshopper
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One summer day, a grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to his heart's content. Soon he saw an ant pass by, bearing a kernel of corn he was taking to his home.

"Why not come and play with me instead of working so hard?" asked the grasshopper.

"I am helping to store up food for the winter," replied the Ant, "and think you should do the same."

"Why worry about winter?" said the grasshopper, "we have got plenty of food at present."

When the winter came, the grasshopper had no food and found himself dying of hunger. Too late, he realized he should have prepared ahead.