

Level A**The Ant and the Grasshopper**

attributed to Aesop

One summer day, a Grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing to his heart's content.

An Ant passed by, bearing along 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 he found himself dying of hunger. Too late, he realized it is best to prepare ahead for times of need.