

The Ant and the Grasshopper



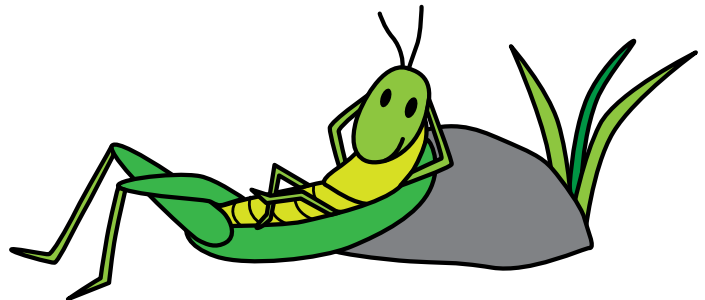
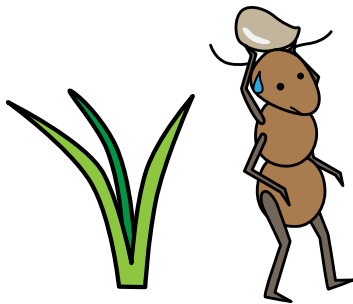
Mission:

Read the story below. Can you predict what will happen next?

Once there was an ant and a grasshopper who lived in a field.

Every day, Ant got up early and walked far to gather seeds. She balanced one seed on her head at a time, walked it back to her home, and then went again to the field to gather more. She was very small, so the walk was very long. She worked the whole day, without ever stopping to rest.

As Ant worked, Grasshopper spent his days playing music, lazing in the sun. “Why do you work so hard, Ant?” he laughed. “Summer is here! Why waste the sunshine gathering seeds?”



What do you think Ant will do?

What do you think Grasshopper will do? Why?

Students' answers will vary.

I think that the Ant will continue to work hard to gather seeds. I think the Grasshopper

will be lazy and not do any work because he likes to lay in the sunshine instead of work.

I think the Grasshopper might ask the Ant for some help when he has no food.

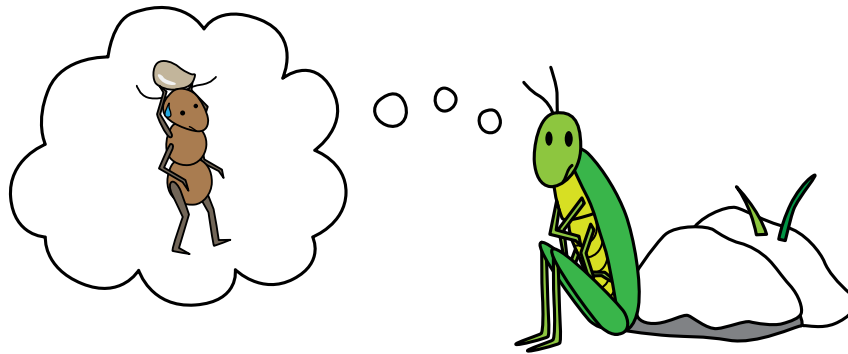


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Ant ignored Grasshopper's teasing and continued gathering, which only made Grasshopper laugh even more. "You are a silly little ant," he said.

Autumn came, and then winter. The days were short. Snow fell on the farmer's field, burying the plants and seeds that had been so easy to get.

Grasshopper had no food to eat. "What will I do? I am hungry," Grasshopper said to himself. Then, he remembered how many seeds Ant had stashed away during the summer.



Grasshopper hurried to Ant's home. He knocked on her door. "Ant," he said, "Give me some seeds?"

Ant looked at Grasshopper. "I worked hard all summer long, while you laughed at me," Ant said. "You should have worked in the summer instead of singing and dancing. Then you would have a full belly now."

What was the moral of the story?

Students' answers will vary.

It is important to work hard and plan ahead when you can. If you don't, you might not be prepared for challenges or difficulties in the future!
