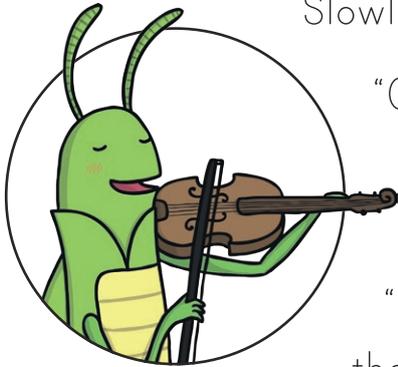


The Ant and the Grasshopper

One summer's 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 hopped about, playing happily.



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!"

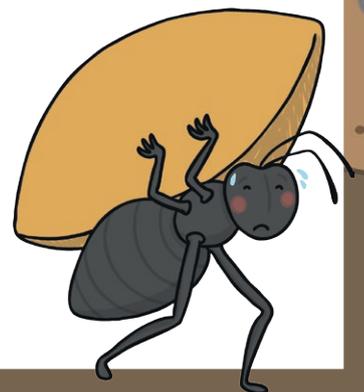
When winter finally came and the snow was on the ground, the grasshopper had no food. The hardworking ant and his family had plenty to eat.

"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 learned a very hard lesson.

Work hard today to get ready for tomorrow.



Questions

1. What season is it at the beginning of the story? Check one.

- fall
 winter
 summer

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

- have a picnic with him
 sing with him
 play football with him

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

The ant and his family	to play some music.
When his tummy was full, he began	the grasshopper had no food.
When winter came,	had plenty to eat.

4. In the story, the ant is described as hardworking. What other adjectives could you use to describe him? Write two.

5. What is the moral of the story?

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In a field one summer's day, a grasshopper was relaxing, eating as much grass as he could. When his tummy was full, he began to play some music. He hopped about, playing happily.



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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