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The Ant and the Grasshopper

In a vast, sun-drenched field, lived two very different neighbors: the diligent Ant and the joyful Grasshopper. Day after day, under the warm summer sky, the Ant could be seen tirelessly marching back and forth, dragging heavy seeds and crumbs to his underground storage. He worked with a purpose, knowing that the easy abundance of summer would not last forever. Meanwhile, the Grasshopper spent every waking moment performing, his beautiful music filling the air as he danced and sang without a care in the world, often mocking the Ant for his relentless labor.

1. Orientation

Character	
setting	
language Feature	

One sweltering afternoon, the Grasshopper hopped over to the Ant, who was struggling to lift a particularly large grain of rice. "Oh, little Ant, why do you toil so much?" chirped the Grasshopper, tuning his tiny violin. "The sun is shining, and food is everywhere! Come and join me in a song. Why worry about tomorrow when today is so perfect?" The Ant paused for a moment, wiping his brow. "I am storing food for the long, cold winter, Grasshopper," he replied seriously. "When the snow falls, nothing will grow. I suggest you start preparing too, or you will regret it." The Grasshopper just laughed and leaped away, preferring immediate pleasure over future security.

2. Complication

Peak Problem	
language Feature	

Soon enough, the cheerful summer vanished, replaced by the biting cold of winter. The fields became bleak and covered in snow, and not a single speck of food could be found. The Grasshopper, who had nothing saved, began to shiver violently. His songs turned into pathetic whimpers as hunger and cold threatened his life. Desperate and weak, he realized the painful truth of the Ant's warnings. He had laughed at the Ant's foresight, and now he was paying a heavy price for his own laziness and lack of planning.

3. Resolution

Settlement	
language Feature	simple past tense :

Swallowing his pride, the Grasshopper made his way to the Ant's well-built home and humbly knocked. The Ant opened the door, surprised to see his neighbor in such a terrible state. The Ant, though justified in his earlier warnings, had a kind heart. He let the Grasshopper inside and shared his provisions. The Grasshopper ate gratefully and promised the Ant that he would never again take the importance of hard work and preparation for granted. This experience taught him the valuable lesson that one must balance play with necessary work to ensure security for the future.

4. Re-orientation

Moral message	
language Feature	simple past tense :