The Ant and the Grasshopper

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.

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."

Choose the most appropriate answer for each question below.

1. Who are the two main characters mentioned in the story?
   a. Grasshopper and beetle
   b. Ant and beetle
   c. Grasshopper and Ant



2. What activity was the **Ant** doing?
   a. Collecting seeds
   b. Playing in the sun
   c. Sleeping

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3. What activity was the **Grasshopper** doing?
   a. Collecting seeds
   b. Playing in the sun
   c. Sleeping

4. Why was it important to gather the seeds?
   a. To grow plants
   b. To store as food during the winter
   c. To eat right away

5. How did the Ant transport the seed?
   a. One at a time on her head
   b. Many on her back

6. How would you describe Ant?
   a. Lazy b. Hardworking c. Mean

7. How would you describe Grasshopper?
   a. Lazy b. Hardworking c. Mean

Sequence the events below to show the order in which they happened.

____ Grasshopper is relaxing and playing music.

____ Grasshopper has no food to eat.

____ Ant gathers food in summer months.

____ Grasshopper teased Ant about working so hard.

____ Snow fell on farmer's field.

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