The Ant and the Grasshopper

One 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 was having a great time in the sun.



Then, an ant walked by. The ant was carrying some corn.

"Come and sing with me!" said the grasshopper. "No," said the ant. "I am busy getting food for the winter."

"Don't worry about the winter!" said the grasshopper. "We have lots of food and it is sunny today."



But the ant went on his way and carried on collecting food.

"What a silly ant!" said the grasshopper. "He can worry about winter when it is winter!"

When winter came, the grasshopper had no food. The ant and his family had plenty to eat.

"Please can I have some of your food?" said the grasshopper. "No!" said the ant. "You said I was silly!"

The grasshopper was hungry all winter. He learnt a very hard lesson.



Work hard today to get ready for tomorrow.



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Questions

Answer these questions in your writing book.

1. The first line of the story is:

   'In a field one summer's day, a grasshopper was relaxing, eating as much grass as he could.'

   Choose another word that you could use instead of 'eating'.

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2. Why wouldn't the ant play with the grasshopper? Tick one.

   - ☐ because he didn't want to
   - ☐ because he was busy collecting food
   - ☐ for the winterbecause he had to get home for tea

3. Who had the most food in the winter? Why?

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4. The moral of the story is 'Work hard today to be prepared for tomorrow.'What else can we learn from the story?

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5. The ant refused to share his food with the grasshopper at the end of thestory. Was this the right thing to do? Explain your answer.

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