

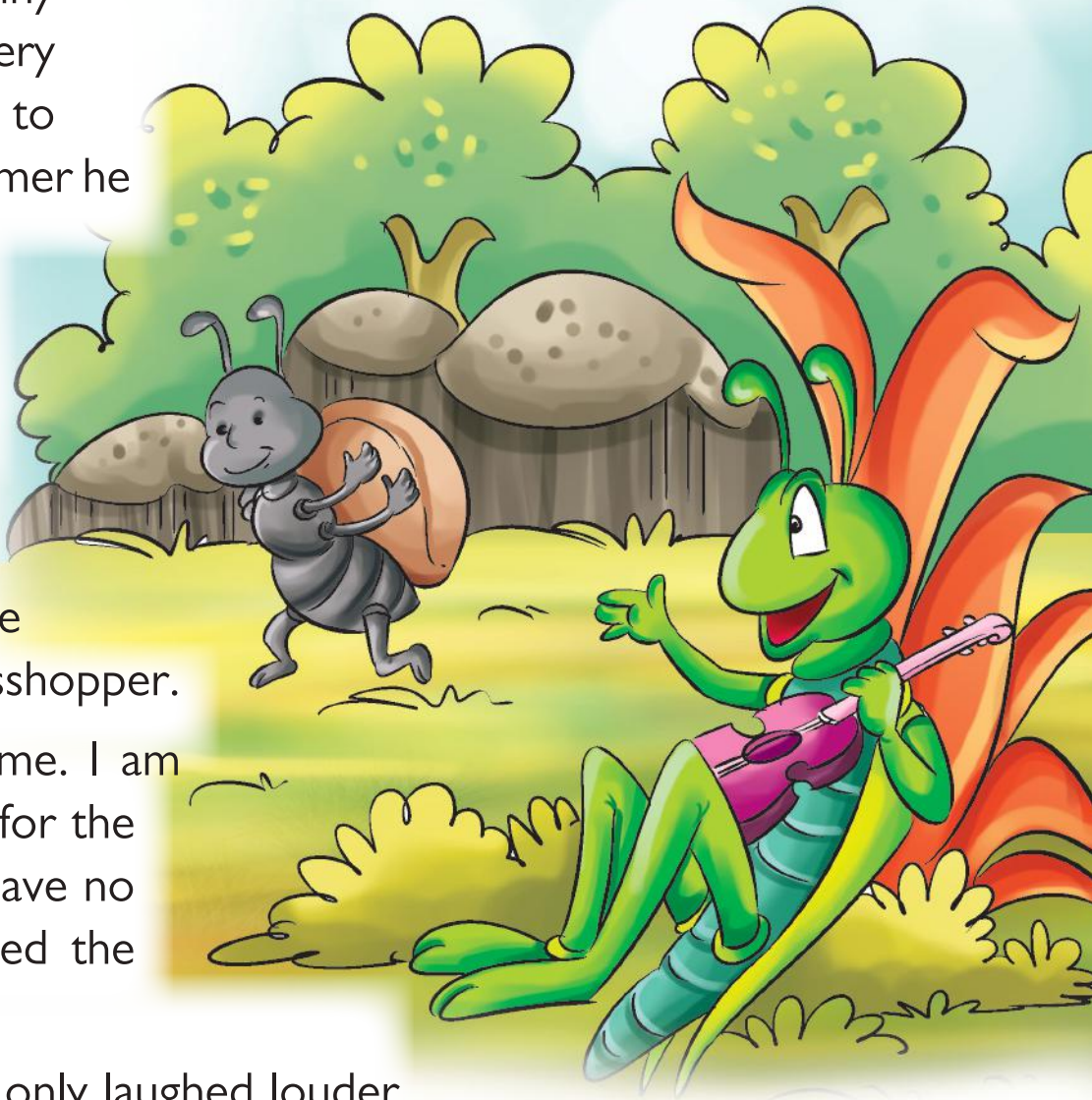
## The Grasshopper and The Ant

Once there lived a tiny *grasshopper*. He was very lazy. He did not like to work. The whole summer he sang songs, playing on his *guitar* and dancing. He laughed at the ant working day and night. “What are you doing there? Come here and dance with me,” said the grasshopper.

“Oh ! Don’t disturb me. I am busy in storing *grains* for the long winter *ahead*. I have no time to dance,” replied the ant.

The lazy grasshopper only laughed louder.

The hot season ended and the cold season set in. The cold wind blew strong and all the leaves fell down. There was no grass or flowers. Soon it started snowing. The grasshopper was hungry. He could not find any food. It was only snow everywhere.





The grasshopper was very hungry. At last he went to the ant's house. He knocked at the door. The ant opened the door. "Dear ant, I am hungry and cold. I have nothing to eat. Please give me some food to eat," said the grasshopper.

"What were you doing all the summer?" said the ant. "I was singing and dancing on the green plants," replied the grasshopper.

"Then sing and dance on the white snow now", said the ant. She **slammed** her door shut.

The grasshopper died of hunger. Because he did not store food for the long winter ahead.

## Word Treasure

**grasshopper** : a grass insect

**grains** : cereals or seeds

**slammed** : to shut very forcibly and loudly

**guitar** : a musical instrument

**ahead** : in advanced



## EXERCISE TIME

### Comprehension Skills

#### A. Tick (✓) the correct option :

1. How did grasshopper spend his whole summer ?

a. singing

b. fighting

c. singing&dancing

2. What food did the grasshopper find in winter ?
  - a. grain
  - b. nuts
  - c. nothing
3. To whom did the grasshopper go to beg food ?
  - a. the ant
  - b. man
  - c. cow
4. In which season was no grass or flowers ?
  - a. summer
  - b. rainy
  - c. winter
5. Why was grasshopper went to the ant's house ? Because he was :
  - a. hungry
  - b. tired
  - c. thirsty

### B. Fill in the blanks with the correct option :

grasshopper, ant, grains, snow, dancing

1. He laughed at the \_\_\_\_\_ working day and night.
2. I am busy in storing \_\_\_\_\_ for the long winter ahead.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ was very hungry.
4. I was singing and \_\_\_\_\_ on the green plants.
5. Then sing and dance on the white \_\_\_\_\_ now.

### C. Answer the following questions :

1. What did the grasshopper do whole summer long ?
2. What was the ant doing in the summer ?
3. Did the ant have enough food for the winter ?
4. Did the grasshopper find food in the winter ?
5. To whom did the grasshopper go to ask for food ?

## Fun with Words

### D. Read the sentences. Understand the meaning of 'move' words :

1. The infant crawls.
2. The baby walks.
3. The child trots.

(runs with small steps)

1.



2.



3.



4. The boy runs.
5. The athlete leaps. (runs fast)
6. The man crosses the road.



## Essential Grammar

**E. Look at these sentences. Write whether these are statements or questions :**

1. Is this your bag ?
2. My father is out of city.
3. Why are you so late ?
4. Keep my watch today.
5. This is pretty dress.
6. How is your mother now ?
7. My school is far away.

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## Essential Speaking

**F. Listen the teacher. Try to say the following tongue twisters as fast as you can :**

1. Red Lorry, blue lorry.
2. I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.

## Essential Writing

**G. Write a letter to your friend telling her / him how you work hard for your exams. Take a colour paper for it. Fold it. At the backside, draw lines over it and write the address of your friend. Paste it in your notebook :**

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