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The Ant and the Grasshopper



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Before you read



1 What's the weather like?

Look at the pictures and write the words in the correct place.

It's foggy • It's raining • It's sunny • ~~It's cloudy~~
It's windy • It's snowing



1 It's cloudy



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

2 Match the seasons to the pictures.

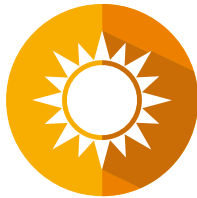
spring • autumn • winter • summer



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____

3 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

winter • summer • autumn • spring

- 1 In _____ it's very hot.
- 2 In _____ the trees are yellow and orange.
- 3 In _____ it's very cold.
- 4 In _____ the trees are green.

► 2 **I**t's summer. It's a beautiful day.
Grasshopper loves summer. It's her
favourite time of year. Summer is the
time for the holidays... she can play and
sing all day!



Ant likes summer, too. There are flowers, fruit and vegetables in the garden. There are colours everywhere! But Ant doesn't play or sing. She's got lots of work to do.

In the morning Ant gets up early.
Grasshopper gets up late. She doesn't like work. She likes singing and having fun!



Colour the fruit and vegetables.

- 3 Ant does the housework. Her house is small and very nice.

Grasshopper hasn't got a house. She lives outside. She doesn't think about winter. She likes singing! She sings all day!



In the afternoon Ant looks for food for the winter. Grasshopper doesn't look for food. She sits in a tree and... sings all day! ❶



Tick (✓) the correct answer.

	The Ant	The Grasshopper
1 She does the housework.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 She lives outside.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 She sings all day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 She looks for food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 She's got a small house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 She doesn't look for food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Make it

Ant has got lots to do. Have you got lots of things to remember?
Make a 'things to do' list.

You need:

- cardboard
- a pencil
- scissors
- colouring pencils or felt-tip pens
- string
- clothes pegs



1 Draw a big butterfly on a piece of cardboard. Cut it out.



2 Colour it.



3 Make two holes. Pass the string through the holes, behind the butterfly.



Let's act!

[*The Grasshopper meets the Ant. The Ant is carrying a basket. They're wearing T-shirts.*]

NARRATOR It's summer. It's a beautiful, sunny day.

GRASSHOPPER Hello, Ant. How are you?

ANT Hello, Grasshopper. I'm fine, thanks. But it's too hot!

GRASSHOPPER What are you doing?

ANT I'm looking for food for the winter.

GRASSHOPPER But it's summer! It's the holidays! Come and sing with me!

CAST [*all sing together*]

*I sing all day
And I love to play!
No work for me
Come and see!*

*My house is in the garden
with the flowers and birds.
I can sit in a tree
No work for me!*

I sing all day



Activities – Play time



1 Do the crossword.

