



The Ant and the Grasshopper

In a field one summer's day a Grasshopper was sitting under a tree, enjoying the lovely summer's day and singing to its heart's content.

An Ant passed by, carrying a seed that he was taking to the nest.

"Why not come and chat with me," said the Grasshopper, "instead of toiling and moiling in that way?"

"I am helping to lay up food for the winter," said the Ant, "and recommend you to do the same."

"Why bother about winter?" said the Grasshopper; "We've got plenty of food at present." But the Ant went on its way and continued to gather food for the winter.

When winter came the Grasshopper had no food and found itself dying of hunger. He went to the ant and asked for some food. "Sorry," said the ant. "During the summer I worked hard to collect enough food for winter. You chose not to."

Then the Grasshopper knew: It is best to prepare for days of need.