

THE ANT AND THE GRASSHOPPER

INTRODUCTION

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As in all of [Aesop's Fables](#), there is a moral or lesson to learn. This fable tells us that we must work first before we can play. You must put time into your work before you can reap the results.

Are you an “ant”, do you tend to finish all your work and then relax? Or are you more like the grasshopper, and would rather relax and procrastinate about work? Check out this [article](#) comparing different types of personalities.

I began to wonder, What really ARE the differences between ants and grasshoppers! So, I looked up [ANTS](#) and found this. Then I looked up [GRASSHOPPERS](#) and found this. Check them out and let us know what you discovered.

Another way to compare an ant to a grasshopper is to draw them. Give them a try and share your drawings. See how to draw a [Grasshopper](#) with how to Draw an [Ant](#).

You can listen to and read along with the story [here](#), or watch this a delightful [cartoon video](#) which also highlights vocabulary. And just for fun, this old [Walt Disney](#) version “Silly Symphony The Grasshopper And The Ants”.

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Aesop's Fable

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NARRATOR 1	NARRATOR 2	NARRATOR 3	ANT	GRASSHOPPER
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NARRATOR 1: On a beautiful summer day a grasshopper sat and sang a sweet song.

NARRATOR 2: The grasshopper saw an ant working hard carrying grain to his house.

GRASSHOPPER: Look at that silly ant. All day long he works hard and never enjoys the sunshine.

NARRATOR 3: The grasshopper laughed at the ant and then he continued his song. He basked in the warm sun all summer long without a care in the world.

NARRATOR 1: As summer turned to autumn the grasshopper continued to sing his song and enjoy the sunshine. The ant, on the other hand, continued to gather food and store it in his house.



NARRATOR 2: When winter came the cold winds blew hard and the snow covered the meadow with a thick blanket of white.

NARRATOR 3: The grasshopper tried to find food, but of course he found nothing.

NARRATOR 1: It didn't take long for the grasshopper to knock upon the ant's door and beg...

GRASSHOPPER: Please help me! I have nothing to eat! I shall starve without your help.

ANT: My dear Mr. Grasshopper, all summer long I worked hard carrying food to my home while you played in the sunshine. I will not share my food with someone who is so lazy.

GRASSHOPPER: I was busy singing my song. I was making beautiful music. What should I do now?

NARRATOR 2: The ant thought for a moment and then said...

ANT: I suggest you dance.

NARRATOR 3: And the moral of this fable is...

ANT: You must do the work before you take the time to play.

All: The End.



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