

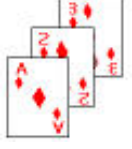






One beautiful summer  day, a lazy grasshopper  was chirping and sitting and playing games , just as he did every day. A hard-working ant  passed by, carrying a huge leaf  that he was taking back to the ant's  nest.

The grasshopper  said to the ant ,

"All you ants  do is work all day.  
You should be more like me and play, play, play!"


The ant  replied,

"I'm storing food  for the winter  season.  
You should be working, for just the same reason.

What will you eat when the weather gets cold ?  
How will you feed your hungry household?"

The grasshopper  laughed,

"All you ants  do is work and worry.  
Slow down, don't be in such a hurry.

Just look  around, there's plenty of food,  
Don't give me advice, that's just plain rude."



The **ant**  kept working, the **grasshopper**  kept playing, and winter




The **ant**  had prepared for the winter



and had just enough food



stored in the nest to last through the cold , harsh weather.



Now that winter  had arrived, the **grasshopper**  couldn't find any food





, and soon became very hungry. But he soon remembered the hard-working **ant**

 he had made fun of during the summer . The **grasshopper**  went to




the **ant's**  nest and asked for food .










The **ant** , who was still busy keeping the food  clean and dry, said,

"I toiled to save food  for the winter  freeze,

while you spent the summer  playing in ease.

I stored just enough food for the winter , it's true,

But I can't feed you all winter , or I'll starve too."

The **ant**  gave the **grasshopper**  a few crumbs, but the **grasshopper**  was cold, miserable, and hungry all winter . The next summer , the **grasshopper**  worked hard to store food for the upcoming winter . That next winter , **grasshopper**  was well fed and happy!

He had learned to think ahead and plan for the future.

And that is the end of the story.