



And the moral of the story is

CAPS: Grade 5, Term 3

Writing and Presenting

Rewrites the story in own words, using a frame:
Tells the events in the correct order

Activity 1

Ant and Grasshopper: Read the story. Rewrite the story of Ant and Grasshopper in your own words in indirect speech. Answer the questions and use the frame below to help. Remember to use connecting words (e.g. and, next, then) to help link ideas and lead on to the next idea.

It was summer, hot and sunny, and, instead of working and preparing for winter, Grasshopper preferred to dance, sing and play. Not thinking that the wonderful weather would soon be over, and cold and rainy days would follow. Grasshopper often saw hardworking Ant passing by him, preparing for the hard winter that was to come.



One day, Grasshopper invited Ant to join him and share his fun.

"Unfortunately, I don't have time for that", Ant answered, "I must work hard, so I'll have food and shelter for the winter."

"Stop worrying so much, Ant. There is still plenty of time to prepare for winter. Let's sing and dance together. Come on, let's laugh and enjoy life".

But Ant was very wise and wouldn't pay attention to Grasshopper's words and continued to work hard and store food for the long winter that was to come.

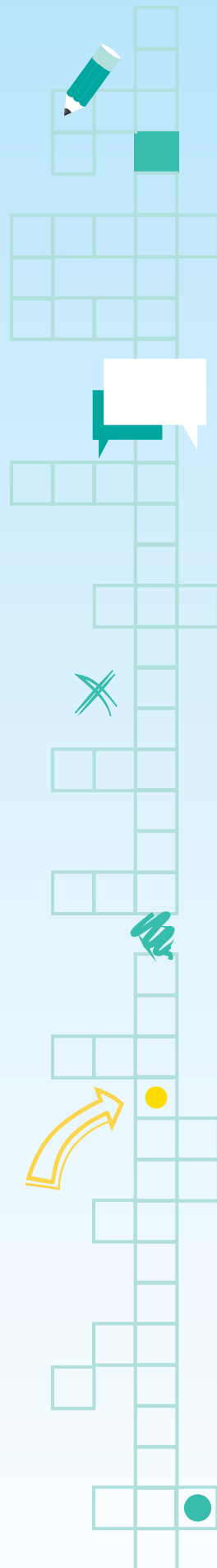
The winter came sooner than expected, and Grasshopper found himself without a home and without food. He went to Ant's house and begged him for food and shelter.

"I'm sorry, but I can't help you", the Ant said. "I only have enough room and food for me and my family, so you will need to find help somewhere else."

"I should have followed Ant's example in the summer". Grasshopper thought sadly. "I would have been so happy now..."

Moral of the story / lessons the story teaches us: There's a time for work and a time for play.

Paragraph 1: What time of year was it? What was Grasshopper doing? What did Grasshopper see Ant doing?





Paragraph 4: What did Grasshopper ask Ant for? Why could Ant not help him?

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What lesson (moral) does this story (fable) teach us?

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Describe a time when you would have been better off if you had prepared properly for something in stead of wasting time and playing around.

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Teacher Tip

Explain to learners that:

- the questions are there as a guide.
- they may add other information when retelling the story.
- the frame is a guide as to how much they need to write.
- they must not use direct speech when retelling the story. This must be indirect or reported speech.

