

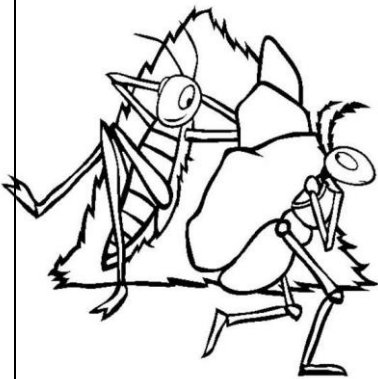
SECTION A - COMPREHENSION

Read the fable about the ant and the grasshopper and answer the questions that follow:

One summer's day a grasshopper was hopping about, chirping and singing happily. An ant passed by, carrying pieces of mealies to its nest. 'Why not come and talk to me,' said the grasshopper, 'instead of working so hard.' 'I am helping to store food for the winter,' said the ant, 'and suggest you do the same.' 'Why worry about winter?' said the grasshopper. 'We have plenty of food now.' The ant went on its way. When winter



came the grasshopper had no food and found itself dying of hunger, while it saw the ants sharing the mealies they had collected in the summer.



A fable is a short story to teach a lesson, often with animals behaving as humans.

Circle the letter of the correct answer, only one answer is correct.

1.1 Which is the best title for this story?

(1)

- A. The Ant
- B. The Insects
- C. The Ant and the Grasshopper
- D. The Grasshopper

1.2 Circle the letter of the correct answer that best describes the character of the ant.

- A. selfish
- B. lazy
- C. hardworking
- D. careless

(1)

1.3 State whether the following statement is True or False and give a reason for your answer.

The ant did not have enough shelter for the winter.

Tick the correct answer.

True	False
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(2)

1.4 State whether the following sentence is True or False: Give a reason for your answer.

The grasshopper had enough food for the winter.

Tick the correct answer.

True	False
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(2)

1.5 Fill in the blank space. (line 3) (1)

The grasshopper wants the ant to _____ to him.

Circle the letter of the correct answer, only one answer is correct.

1.6 The grasshopper was dying because there was not enough...

- A water
- B food
- C shade
- D shelter (1)

1.7 The ant was busy to store food for the...

- A spring
- B autumn
- C winter
- D summer (1)

1.8 Who are the main characters in the story?

- A fly
- B ant
- C lady bug
- D snail (1)

1.9 Write down the correct **preposition** (position) for the following sentence.

Choose the correct word, form the word bank.

on	in
to	by

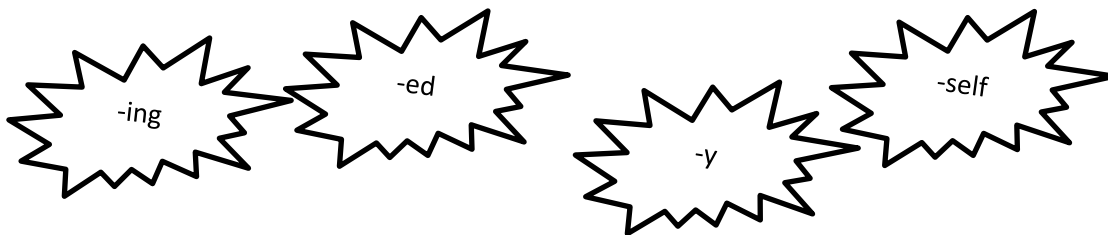
Example: They are playing **with** Mary.

The ant went _____ its way. (1)

1.10 **Underline** the correct spelling of the word in brackets in the following sentence.

One **summer's/summers'** day a grasshopper was hopping happily. (1)

1.11 Choose the correct suffix for the following word and write it down:



a. work _____

b. collect _____ (2)

Answer the following questions in your own words:

1.12 Why is this story a fable?

(2)

1.13 What is the lesson of the fable?

(2)

1.14 What would you rather have done if you were the grasshopper?

(2)

1.15 What season was the ant preparing for and why?

(2)

1.16 Do you think the grasshopper was lazy? Give a reason for your answer.

(2)

1.17 Choose and underlined the correct answer.

Other animals which store for the winter are bees/dogs. (1)

TOTAL SECTION A: 25



SECTION B: LANGUAGE STRUCTURES AND CONVENTIONS

Underline the **adverb** in the following sentence:

2.1. The grasshopper was singing happily one summer's day. (1)

2.2. Circle the **adjective** in the following sentence.

The lazy grasshopper was sitting and relaxing while the ant was working. (1)

2.3. Give the **plural** form of the following word:

food - _____ (1)

2.4. Give the **antonym** (opposite) of the following word:

happy - _____ (1)



2.5. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct **punctuation**. (1)

an ant passed by carrying pieces of mealies to its nest

_____ (1)

2.6. Correct the spelling of the following word:

groshapper _____

pices _____ (2)

2.7. Rewrite the following sentence in the present tense:

An ant passed by, carrying pieces of mealies to its nest.

(1)

2.8 Rewrite the following sentence in the future tense:

The ant went on its way.

(1)

2.9. Circle one pronoun and underline one verb in the following sentence:

When winter came the grasshopper had no food and found itself dying of hunger.

(2)

2.10 Use the conjunction provided in brackets to join the following sentences.

The grasshopper had no food. He found himself dying. (and)

(1)

2.11 Underline the correct answer.

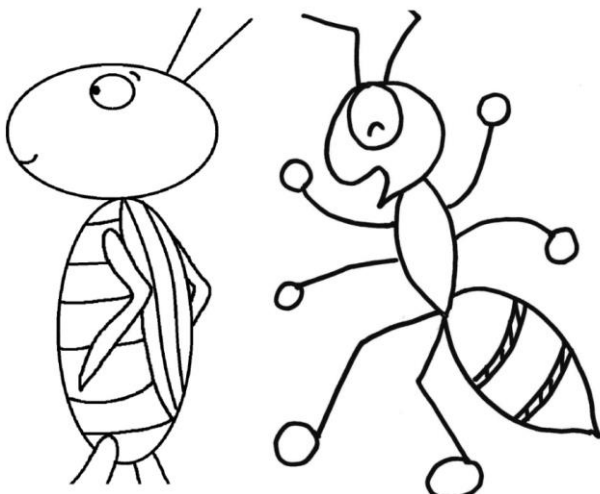
a. The ant (is/are) collecting food.

b. Grasshoppers (has/have) no worries.

(2)

TOTALSECTION B: 15

GRAND TOTAL: 40



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