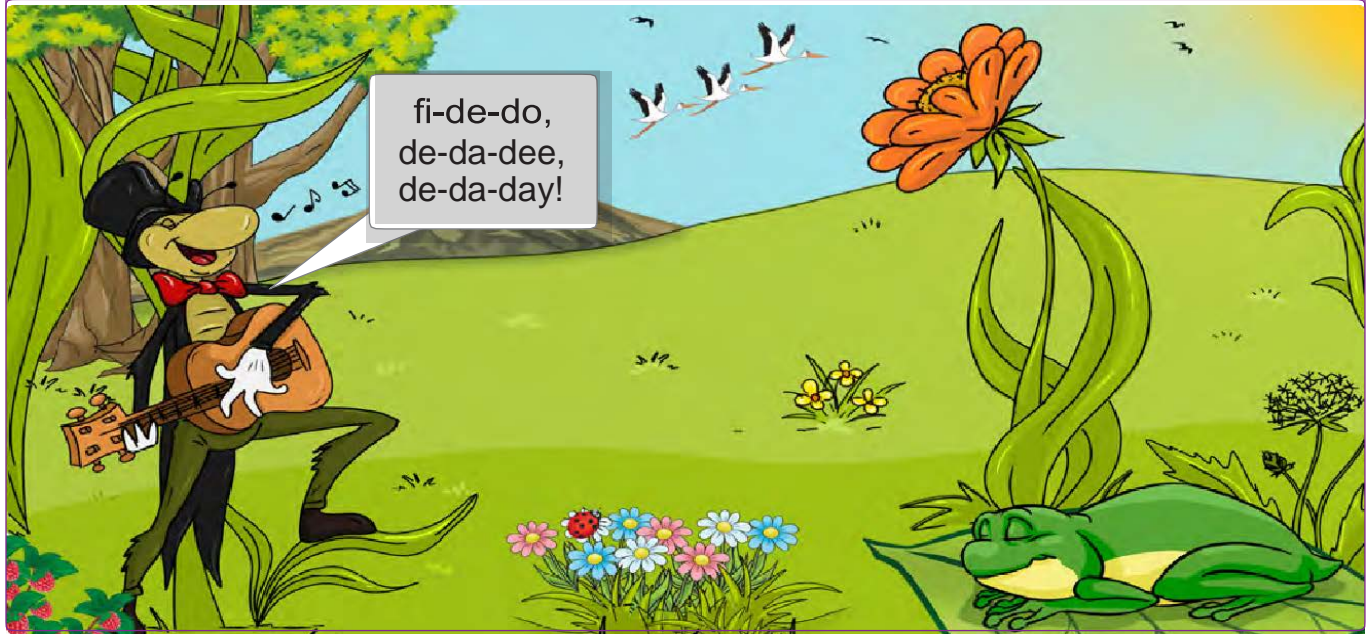


The Grasshopper and the Ants

Adapted after Aesop

This is Jimmy, the merry* grasshopper. He lives in the open air, because he doesn't have a house. He doesn't like working. He spends his days playing his guitar, singing and dancing. He's very lazy.



- What is Jimmy?
 - a plant
 - a bird
 - an insect
 - a fish
- Where does Jimmy sleep?
 - in a house
 - outside
 - in a cage
 - in a kennel
- What does Jimmy like doing all day long?
 - working and cleaning
 - working and eating
 - sleeping and working
 - singing and dancing
- What is Jimmy like?
 - lazy
 - shy
 - hardworking
 - tidy
- Look at Jimmy in the picture! What is he wearing?
 - a skirt
 - a jacket
 - a shirt
 - a t-shirt

* merry – happy

These are Susie and Sally, the ants. They're Jimmy's neighbours. Their house is big. It has two bedrooms and one large storeroom. During spring and summer they work very hard. They gather things to eat for the winter. They have little time to play and dance.



6. Susie and Sally are

- A) neighbours B) aunts C) ants D) grasshoppers

7. During the warm seasons, Susie and Sally

- A) build their home B) dance and play C) stay in the house D) collect food

8. A storeroom is a place where you can food.

- A) keep B) cook C) eat D) freeze

9. In the picture above, the bee

- A) is walking B) is going C) are working D) is flying

10. Look at the picture and find the odd one out!

- A) mushrooms B) truck C) plants D) wheelbarrow

Today is Monday. The sun is still shining. The sky is so clear! The grasshopper and his friends are in the woods. Jimmy is giving a concert. They're having so much fun!



11. Today is Monday! Monday means

- A) sun's day B) moon's day C) stars' day D) sky's day

12. What's the weather like?

- A) It's windy. B) It's cloudy. C) It's rainy. D) It's sunny.

13. Look at the picture! What is the little bear doing?

- A) He's sleeping. B) He's eating. C) He's dancing. D) He's flying.

14. There are animals and insects..... the concert.

- A) at B) in C) for D) down

While playing his guitar, Jimmy hears a noise. In order to tell where the noise is coming from, he jumps up high onto the branches of the tree. He sees his neighbours carrying seeds. Susie and Sally seem hot and tired.



Look at you! You work hard all day long and never enjoy the sunshine. Come and sing with us!

No, Jimmy, we can't! We must get ready for winter. I think you should do the same!

Jimmy laughs at them and then goes to party with his friends.

15. What does Jimmy want the ants to do when he meets them?

- A) to play hide-and-peek with him
- B) to go for a swim in the river
- C) to stop working and sing and dance with him
- D) to work much harder and faster

16. Why don't the ants accept the grasshopper's invitation?

- A) They don't like singing and dancing.
- B) They're too busy collecting food.
- C) They don't like the grasshopper.
- D) It's too hot to dance in the sun.

17. Look at the picture and choose the **false** sentence.

- A) The rabbit is jumping over the rock.
- B) The squirrel is climbing up the tree.
- C) Jimmy is sleeping on a branch.
- D) Each ant is carrying a basket on their back

It's October now and the grasshopper continues to sing his songs. The ants, on the other hand, continue to gather food and store it in their house.



18. According to the text, what season is it?

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

19. The squirrel says

- A) the ants are right B) she wants to play C) Jimmy is right D) she's tired

20. Match the opposites.

1. day	2. cry	3. come	4. silence
a. go	b. noise	c. laugh	d. night

- A) 1d/ 2b/ 3a/ 4c B) 1d/ 2c/ 3a/ 4b C) 1d/ 2a/ 3c/ 4b D) 1c/ 2d/ 3a/ 4b

21. October is the month of the year.

- A) eighth B) ninth C) tenth D) eleventh

Weeks later Jimmy wakes up in the morning. He has a big surprise. Snow is everywhere. He's so cold! And hungry, too. But he doesn't have anything to eat. He's so sad...



22. When he wakes up, the grasshopper feels

- A) hungry and hot B) cold, but happy C) very cold and hungry D) very tired and chilly

23. What is Jimmy thinking about?

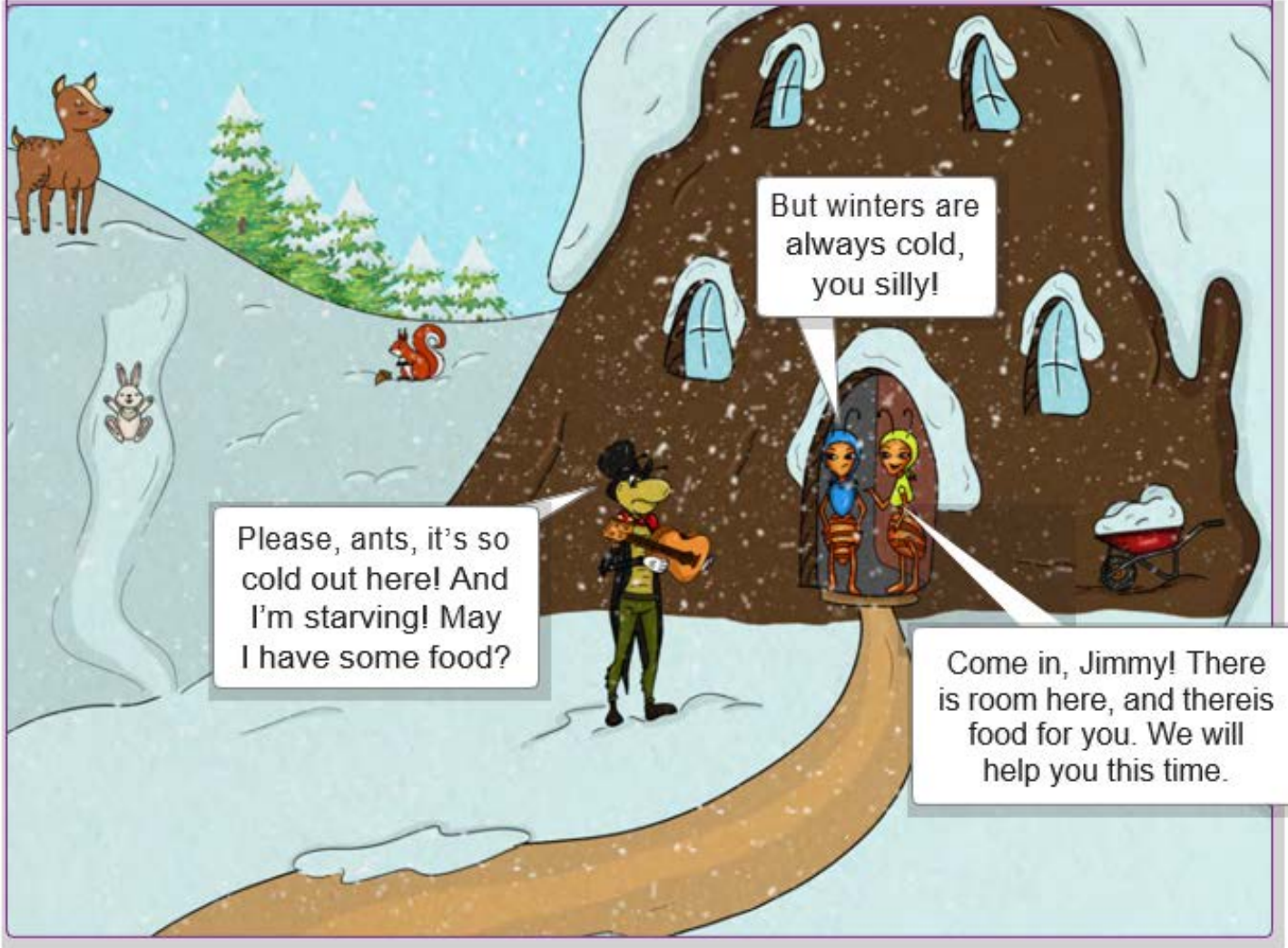
- A) a warm place and food B) his guitar C) his friends in the field D) his family

24. Look at the picture! The snowman has on head.

- A) a bowl/ its B) a pan/ its C) a pot/ its D) a kettle/ his



He walks for hours through the snow, searching for food and shelter. He doesn't know what to do. As he walks, he arrives at the ants' house. He hopes they will help him. So he knocks on their door.



25. Jimmy..... for the ants' help.

- A) answers B) says C) orders D) asks

26. Do Sue and Susan help Jimmy?

- A) Yes, they can. B) No, they don't. C) Yes, she does. D) Yes, they do.

27. Choose the suitable words to complete the questions:

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| 1. ... needs help? | A) Which/ How/ Where/ Why |
| 2. ... 's the weather like? | B) Who/ What/ Where/ Why |
| 3. ... 's the ants' house? | C) What/ How/ Why/ When |
| 4. ... is Jimmy sad? | D) Who/ How/ Where/ Why |



Jimmy goes inside and sits at the table. It's so warm inside the ants' house.



So Jimmy spends the winter in his friends' house, singing and playing for them. He also makes a promise to the ants: in summer he will work hard to collect food for next winter.

28. Look at the picture! The lamp is the vase and the clock.

- A) between B) in the middle of C) in front of D) behind

29. Choose the **false** sentence.

- A) Jimmy apologizes for being foolish.
 B) After dinner, Jimmy leaves the ants' house.
 C) The food is delicious.
 D) Jimmy makes a promise to the ants.

30. Which is the moral of the story?

- A) If you have problems nobody can help you.
 B) People who plan their lives are often bad friends.
 C) A short happy life is best.
 D) Always prepare for future hard times.