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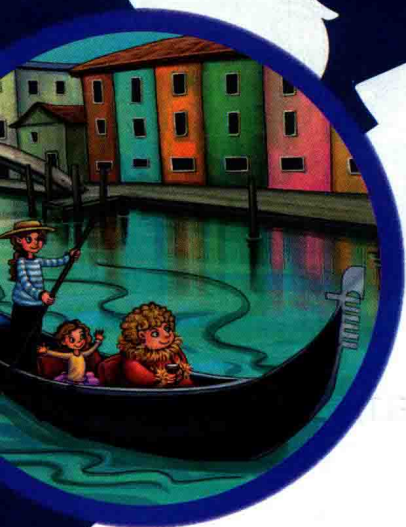
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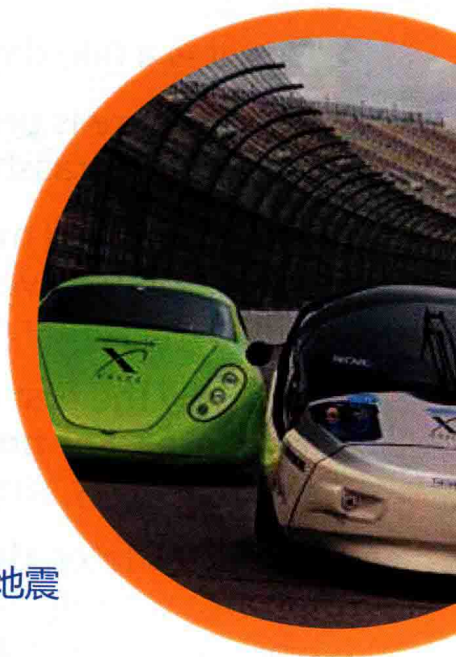
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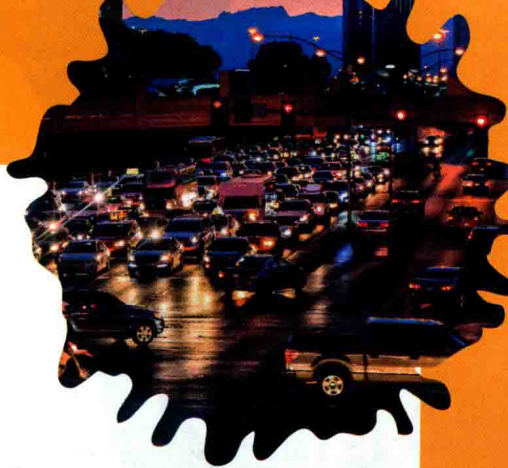
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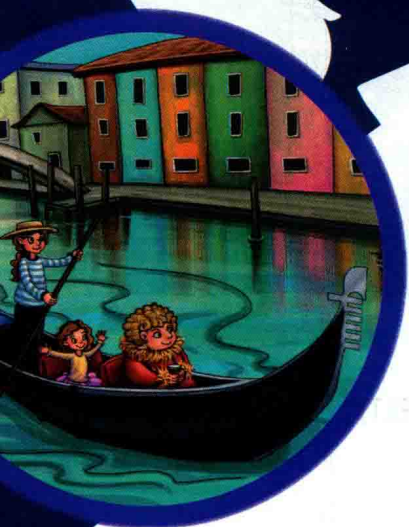
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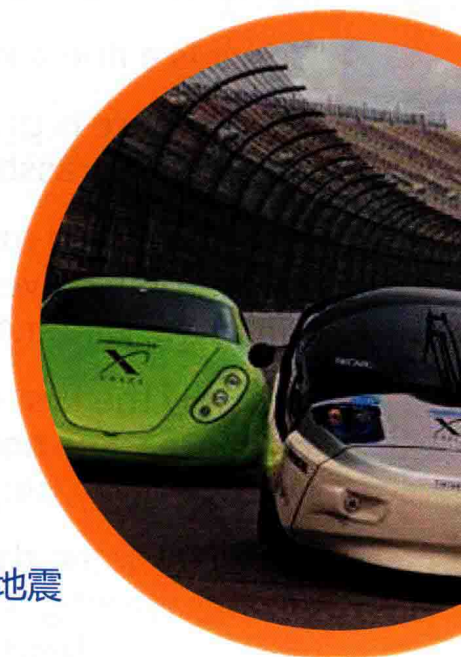
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The Ant and the Grasshopper

Rewritten by Moraig

There was **once** an ant and a grasshopper. The grasshopper loved to have fun. He did not like to work. The ant was a hard worker. He liked to have fun too. But he always got his work done first.*

On the first day of summer, the grasshopper saw the ant. "Good day, my friend!" he said. "The sun is **shining** and it is warm. Let's take a walk **together!**"

"Yes, it is a fine day. But I must find some food," said the ant.

"Food? There is **plenty of** food! I just **finished** my breakfast," **replied** the grasshopper. "Don't you have anything to eat?*"

"Yes, I have had my breakfast," said the ant. "But I must find more food to save for the winter.* Food will not be so easy to find in the winter.*"

"It is only the first day of summer. There is lots of time to find food **later**. **For now**, I will enjoy the sun." The grasshopper **skipped** away, singing a song.*

One week later, the grasshopper and the ant met again. The ant was walking along with a large **seed** on his back. He was working very hard in the hot sun.

"It is nice to see you, Ant. You are still working hard. Why don't you take a rest and have a **chat** with me?*"

"I'm sorry, Grasshopper, but I need to keep working," replied the ant.

"Keep working? I have seen you and your ant friends working hard for a whole week.* You must have **enough** food for the winter. Now you can have a rest and enjoy the summer," the grasshopper **exclaimed**.

"No, my friend. It is going to be a long, cold winter. We must **gather** the food now when there is lots of it.* There will be very little food when these **fields** are **covered** in snow," said the ant.

"You are right. It will be a long, cold winter. That is why I'm going to enjoy the sun and the **warmth** now,*" said the grasshopper. And the ant **continued** to work **while** the grasshopper continued to play.



WORDS

1. grasshopper /'grɑ:shopə/ *n.* 蚱蜢, 蚂蚱
2. once /wʌns/ *adv.* 曾经
3. shine /ʃaɪn/ *v.* 照耀
4. together /tə'geðə/ *adv.* 一起
5. plenty of /'plenti/ 大量
6. finish /'fɪnɪʃ/ *v.* 吃完
7. reply /rɪ'plaɪ/ *v.* 回答
8. later /'leɪtə/ *adv.* 以后
9. for now 眼下
10. skip /skɪp/ *v.* 蹦蹦跳跳
11. seed /si:d/ *n.* 种子
12. chat /tʃæt/ *n.* 聊天
13. enough /ɪ'nʌf/ *det.* 充足的
14. exclaim /ɪk'skleɪm/ *v.* 大喊
15. gather /'gæðə/ *v.* 收集
16. field /fi:ld/ *n.* 田野
17. cover /'kʌvə/ *v.* 覆盖
18. warmth /wɔ:mθ/ *n.* 温暖
19. continue /kən'tɪnju:/ *v.* 继续
20. while /waɪl/ *conj.* 然而
21. pile /paɪl/ *n.* 成堆的东西
22. on the other hand 另一方面
23. hop /hɒp/ *v.* 跳
24. fallen leaves /'fɔ:lən/ 落叶
25. forget /fə'get/ *v.* 忘记
26. before long 不久
27. lie /laɪ/ *v.* 躺(现在分词lying)
28. weak /wi:k/ *adj.* 虚弱的
29. whisper /'wɪspə/ *v.* 小声说
30. bite /baɪt/ *n.* 一口
31. lesson /'lesn/ *n.* 教训
32. remember /rɪ'membə/ *v.* 记住
33. prepare /prɪ'peə/ *v.* 准备
34. share /ʃeə/ *v.* 分享
35. fair /feə/ *adj.* 公平的
36. spare /speə/ *v.* 留出, 匀出
37. agree /ə'ɡri:/ *v.* 同意
38. include /ɪn'klu:d/ *v.* 包括
39. melt /melt/ *v.* 融化
40. insect /'ɪnsekt/ *n.* 昆虫

And so it went all summer long.* The ant worked hard every day. He would find a piece of food and carry it on his back. He would carry it to a **pile** where all of the ants were bringing their food.* Then he would look for more food and carry it back. The grasshopper, **on the other hand**, played every day. He would find enough food to eat for his breakfast. Then he would play until lunch. When he started to get hungry, he would find some lunch. After he ate, he would play some more. He had a lovely summer.

In the autumn, the weather began to get cool. The grasshopper saw the pile of food the ants had made. He thought to himself, "Maybe I should start saving for the winter." He began to look around for some food. There was not a lot. The leaves were beginning to fall. The grasshopper loved to **hop** in the **fallen leaves**. He **forgot** about the food and had some fun.



Soon, the snow began to fall. Now it was very difficult to find food. Each day, the grasshopper found it harder and harder to find food.* He was getting hungry. **Before long**, he was **lying** on the ground. He could not get up to look for food.

The ant walked by and saw the grasshopper. He could see that the grasshopper was not well. "What is the matter, Grasshopper?"

The grasshopper was almost too **weak** to speak. "I am hungry," he **whispered**.

"Here, have some food. I have plenty," said the ant.

The grasshopper had a **bite**

to eat. He started to feel a bit better. "Thank you, Ant. This is very kind of you. You worked hard all summer while I played. I should have been working too.* And you found it in your heart to help me.*"

"I will help you now, but I hope you have learned your **lesson**," said the ant. "You must do your work before you play."

"You are right. If I make it to next summer, I will **remember** this.* I will **prepare** for the winter. I wish I did not play my summer away.* Thank you for the food."



The ant spoke to his ant friends. He asked if they thought there would be enough food to **share** with the grasshopper over the winter.*

One ant said, "Why should we help him? He did nothing all summer but play.* We worked and worked. This is not **fair!**"

"The grasshopper has learned his lesson. If we have enough to **spare**, I think we should help him. Next summer, I know he will work as hard as anyone,*" the ant replied.

The other ants **agreed** that they would help the grasshopper.* It was a long, cold winter. Because of the ants' hard work, there was enough food for everyone, **including** the grasshopper.*

And when the snow **melted**, all of the **insects** began their work again. And no one worked harder than the grasshopper!*

