The Ant and the Grasshopper

O ne _____ (adjective) and _____ (adjective) autumn day, an ant was busily _____ (ing verb) away the _____ (noun) and _____ (noun) she had gathered over the summer to feed herself during the _____ (adjective), _____ (adjective) winter. As she was working, a grasshopper came _____ (ing verb) by, half-dead from hunger and shaking with cold.

"Oh, please, good ant," the grasshopper cried when he saw her. "Please give me a little of your _____ (noun) and _____ (noun) to keep me from starving!"

The ants looked the grasshopper over. "What were you doing all summer long while I was busy gathering _____ (noun)?" she asked him.

"Oh," the grasshopper replied. "I was not being lazy. I _____ (past tense verb) and _____ (past tense verb) all day long!"

"Well, my good friend," the ant said sternly as she _____ (past tense verb) her storeroom door. "Since you _____ (past tense verb) all summer, you can surely _____ (present tense verb) all winter."

And so the grasshopper learned that one must always prepare today for the needs of tomorrow.

The moral of the story: "There's a time for _____ (noun) and a time for _____ (noun)."

How does your story compare to the original?

The Ant and the Grasshopper

One cold and windy autumn day, an ant was busily storing away the wheat and barley she had gathered over the summer to feed herself during the long, hard winter. As she was working, a grasshopper came limping by, half-dead from hunger and shaking with cold.

"Oh, please, good ant," the grasshopper cried when he saw her. "Please give me a little of your wheat and barley to keep me from starving!"

The ant looked the grasshopper over. "What were you doing all summer long while I was busy gathering grain?" she asked him.

"Oh," the grasshopper replied. "I was not being lazy. I sang and chirped all day long!"

"Well, my good friend," the ant said sternly as she locked her storeroom door. "Since you sang all summer, you can surely dance all winter."

And so the grasshopper learned that one must always prepare today for the needs of tomorrow.

The moral of the story: "There's a time for work and a time for play."