

Class 6: English Literature Worksheet
Chapter 3 – The Ant and the Cricket (poem)

SYNOPSIS

- It is a fable in poetic form. A fable is a story, often with animals as characters that conveys a moral.
- This is a poem about a silly young cricket and an ant.
- The cricket used to sing all day long and enjoy his good times during summer season. He didn't plan anything for the future.
- When winter arrived, the cricket could not find a small amount of food to eat. So he goes to a miserly ant to borrow food.
- The ant tells the cricket that ants neither borrow from somebody nor lend to somebody. They are hardworking creatures and save for the future.
- The moral is that we should have happy moments but not ignore our future. Careful planning is necessary for everyone and it ensures a secure future.

1. *Answer the following questions:*

- a) What was the young cricket accustomed to?
- b) Why did he complain?
- c) What made the cricket bold?
- d) What did the ant tell the cricket?
- e) Give the opposites of :
empty, warm

2. *Write the meaning of the following words:*

hastily, gay, famine, crumb, lend

Complete questions 1A, 2 and 3 given on page 20 in your English literature textbook.

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