

The Grasshopper and the Ants

READERS THEATER VERSION

Reader parts: 1 Narrator, 10 solo reader parts, a small group of Ants, 1 Grasshopper, and a chorus of ALL

READER 1

1. There once was a grasshopper

READER 2

2. Who was in a party mood

READER 3

3. She sang away the summer days

READERS 1, 2, 3

4. And ate up all her food!

GRASSHOPPER

5. Oh, yes I did it, yes I did
6. I ate up all my food!

ALL

7. Hey grasshopper Gal!
8. Hate to burst your bubble
9. There's a moral to this tale
10. YOU'RE headed straight for trouble!

NARRATOR

11. When winter came she realized
12. She'd made a big mistake
13. She hadn't saved a thing to eat
14. And how her tummy ached

GRASSHOPPER

15. I haven't saved a thing to eat
16. And now my tummy aches!

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ALL

- 17) Hey grasshopper Gal!
- 18) Hate to burst your bubble
- 19) There's a moral to this tale
- 20) YOU'RE headed straight for trouble!

READER 4

- 21) The ants who lived next door to her
- 22) Had planned ahead, in fact

READER 6

- 23) Had worked throughout the summer heat

READERS 4, 5, 6

- 24) To store up food out back

GROUP OF ANTS

- 25) Did you ever, did you ever
- 26) Meet a group of ants so clever?

ALL

- 27) Hey grasshopper Gal!
- 28) Hate to burst your bubble
- 29) There's a moral to this tale
- 30) YOU'RE headed straight for trouble!

NARRATOR

- 31) And when our dear grasshopper
- 32) Came begging for some bread
- 33) The ants just shook their heads and said

GROUP OF ANTS

- 34) "You're going to end up dead!!!"

ALL

- 35) Hey grasshopper Gal!
- 36) Hate to burst your bubble
- 37) There's a moral to this tale
- 38) YOU'RE headed straight for trouble!

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GRASSHOPPER

- 39) O.K., O.K., I've heard enough!
- 40) So what's the moral? Tell me please!

READER 7

- 41) I bet the moral's full of DON'TS!

READER 8

- 42) Don't sing away the summer?

READER 9

- 43) Don't party 'til you're fed?

READER 10

- 44) Don't waste your days just having fun?

READERS 7, 8, 9, 10

- 45) Don't lounge around in bed?

NARRATOR

- 46) The moral of this story is:

ALL

- 47) IT'S SMART TO PLAN AHEAD!

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