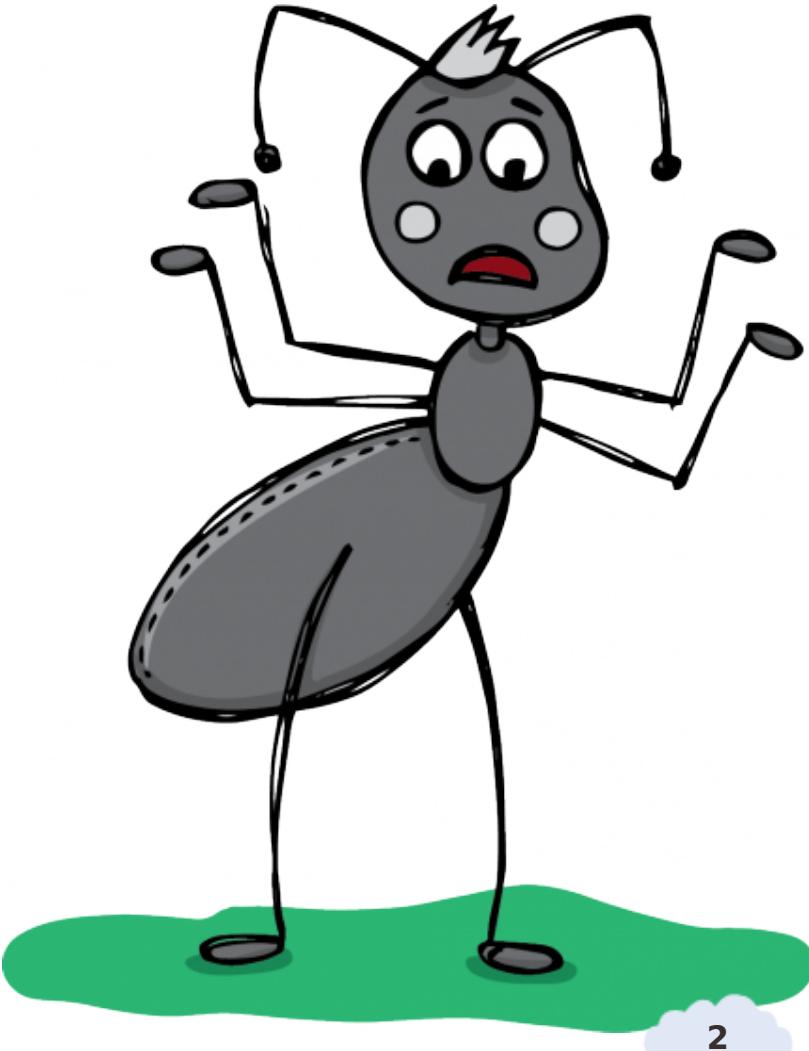


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Ilikuwa siku yenyeye joto
katika musitu.





Siafu Mdogo hakuwa na
maji kwa siku nyingi.

“Nahitaji tone la maji,
hata kama linatoka
kwenye jani.”





Lakini hata umande
ulikuwa umekauka.

“Nisipokunywa maji,
nitakufa,” Siafu Mdogo
alilia.”

“Lazima niende kwenye
mto ambao nilisikia juu
yake.”

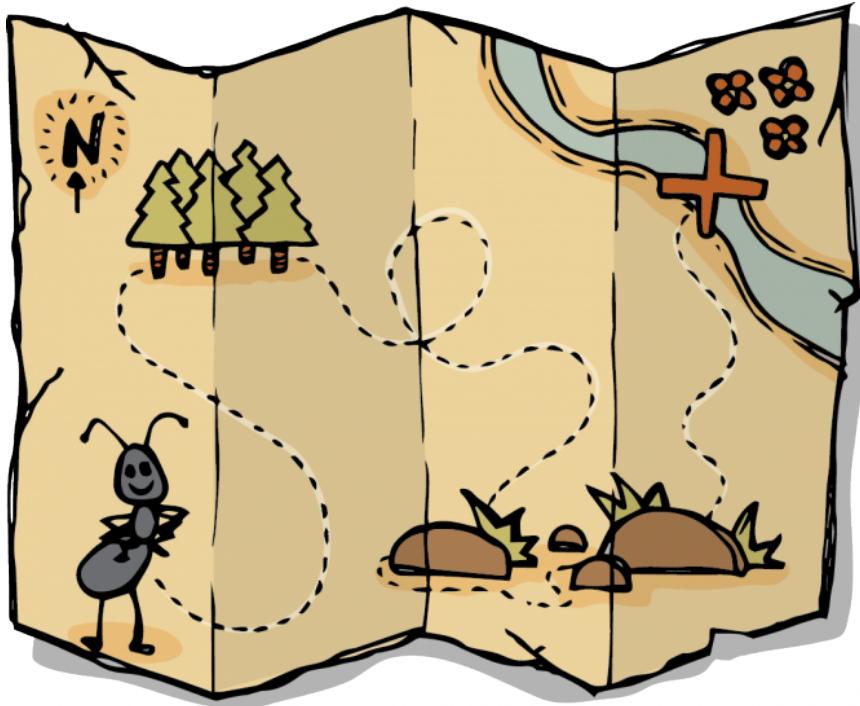




“Mto utakufagilia
mbali,” panya mmoja
mwenye hekima
alimwonya.

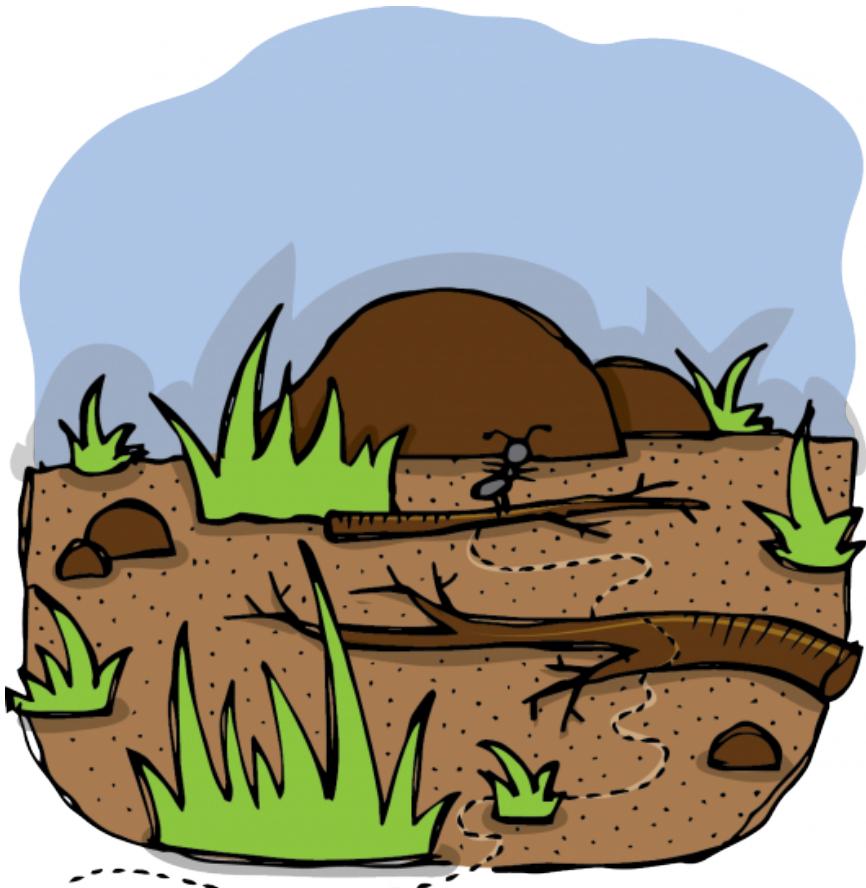
Lakini Siafu Mdogo
alikuwa na kiu sana.
“Nitakufa ikiwa
sitikunywa maji
yoyote.”





Siafu Mdogo alienda
kuutafuta mto...

Kupita kwenye nyasi
zilizokauka na kwenye
matawi yaliyokauka...

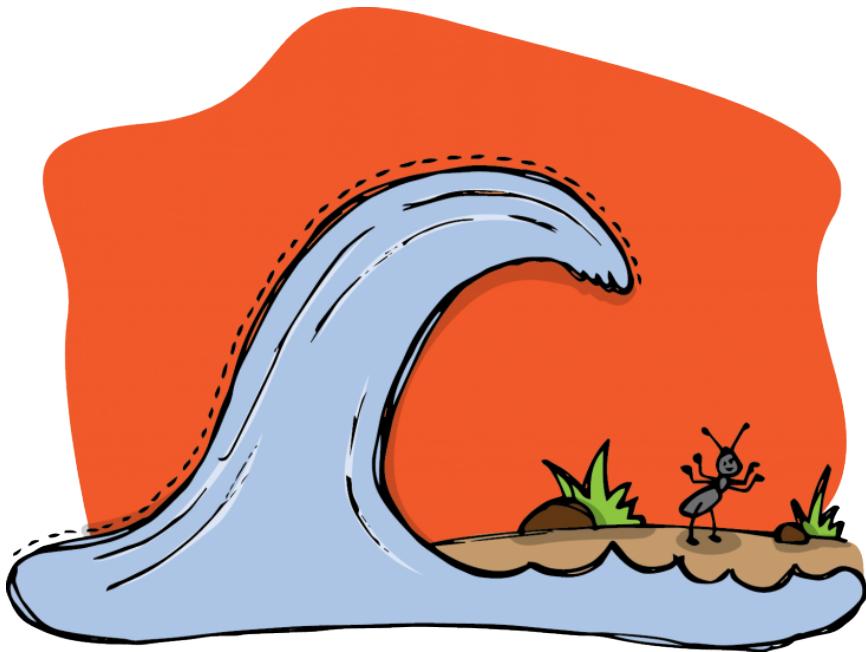




hadi aliposikia mawimbi
ya mto yakinguruma.

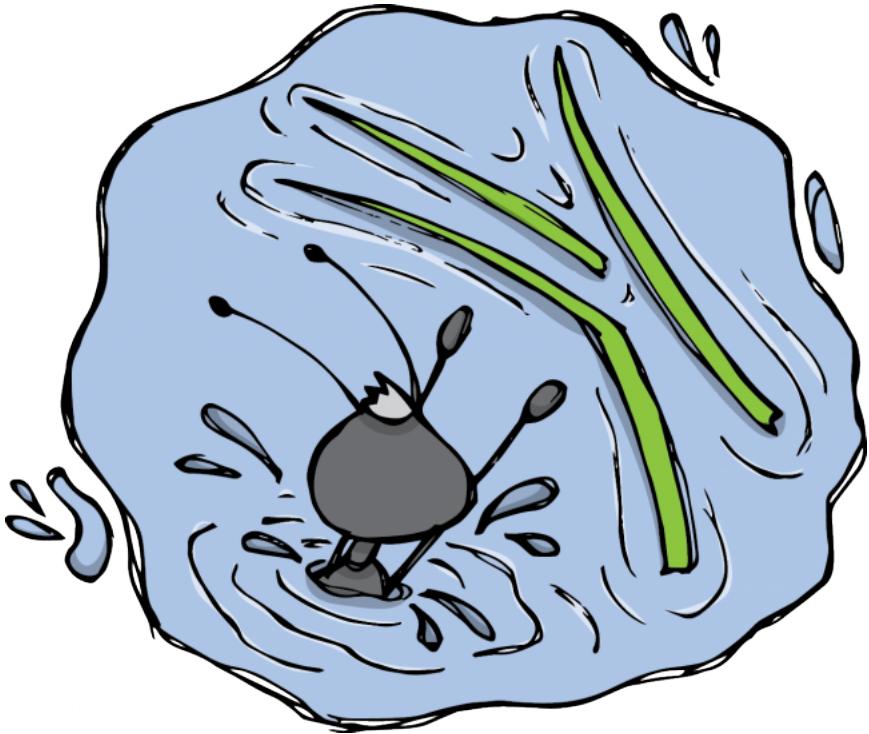
Siafu Mdogo alikunywa
maji baridi.





Alifurahia sana kiasi cha kwamba hakuona wimbi kubwa likija.

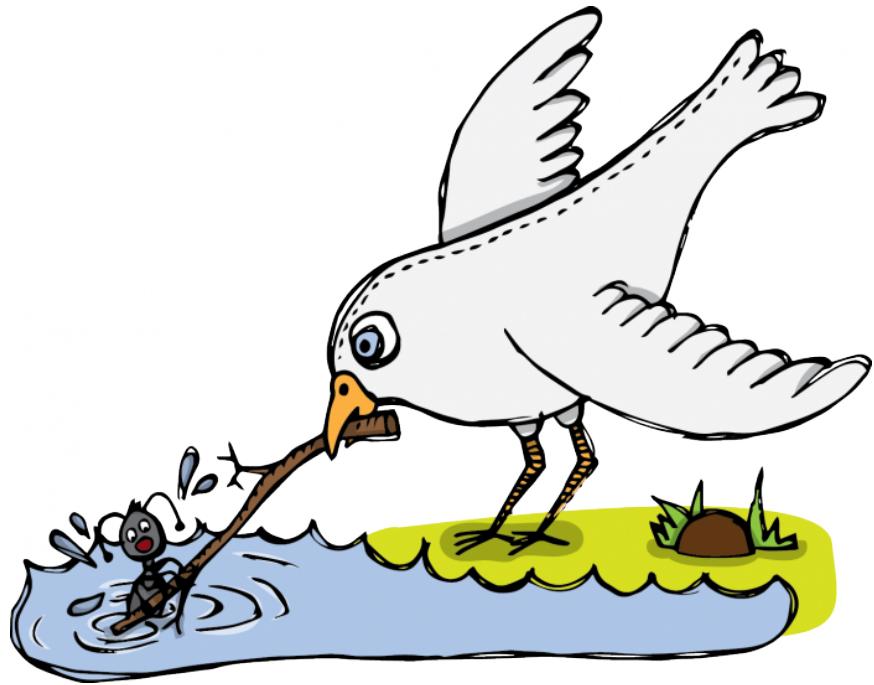
Siafu alijaribu kushika nyasi kavu zilizompita zikielea. Lakini alifagiliwa mbali kwa maji.

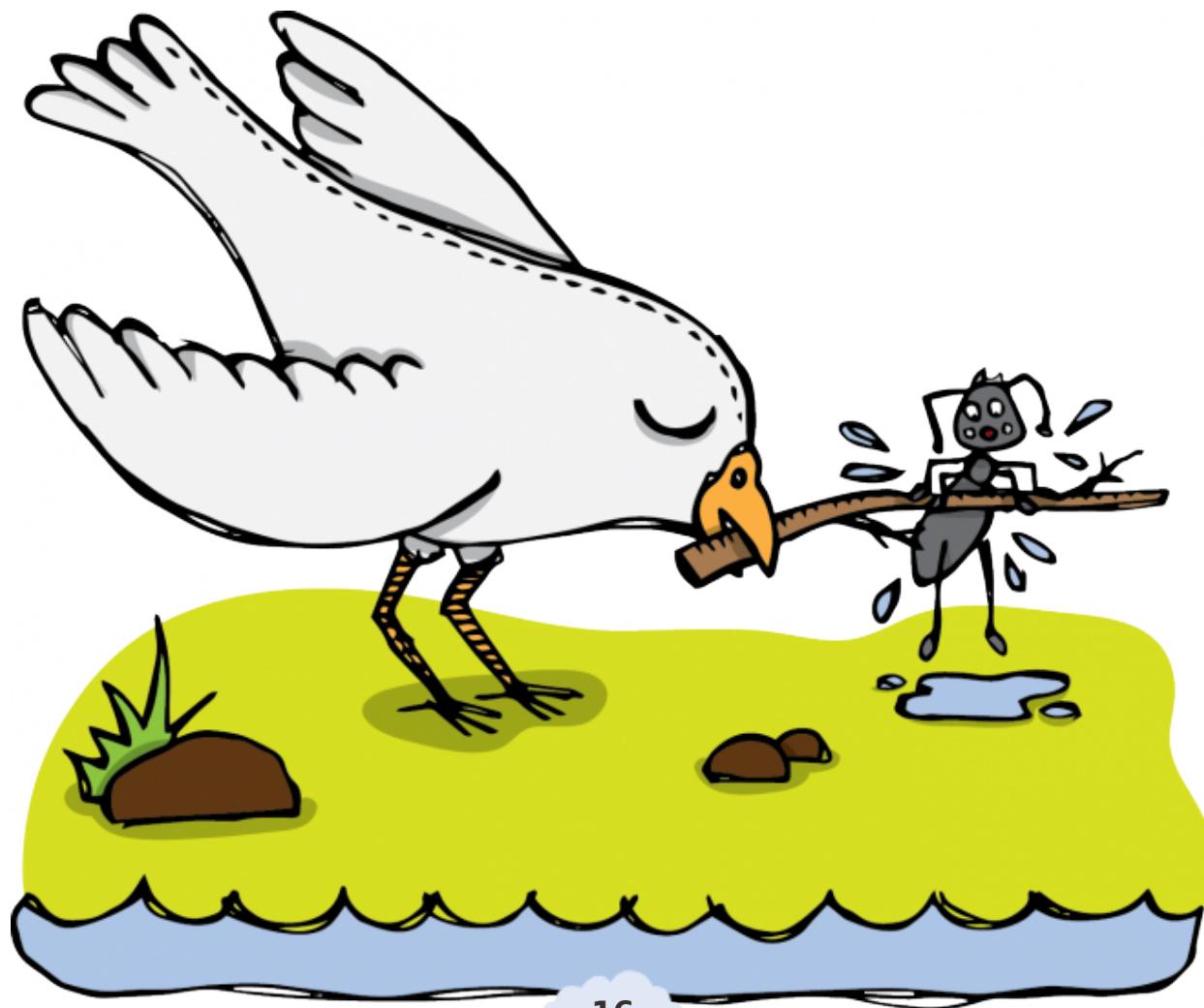




“Mtu anisaidie. Nisaidie tafadhali.”

“Haraka, panda juu,”
Njiwa Mweupe alisema,
huku akiwa
amemnyoshea tawi
kwenye mdomo wake.







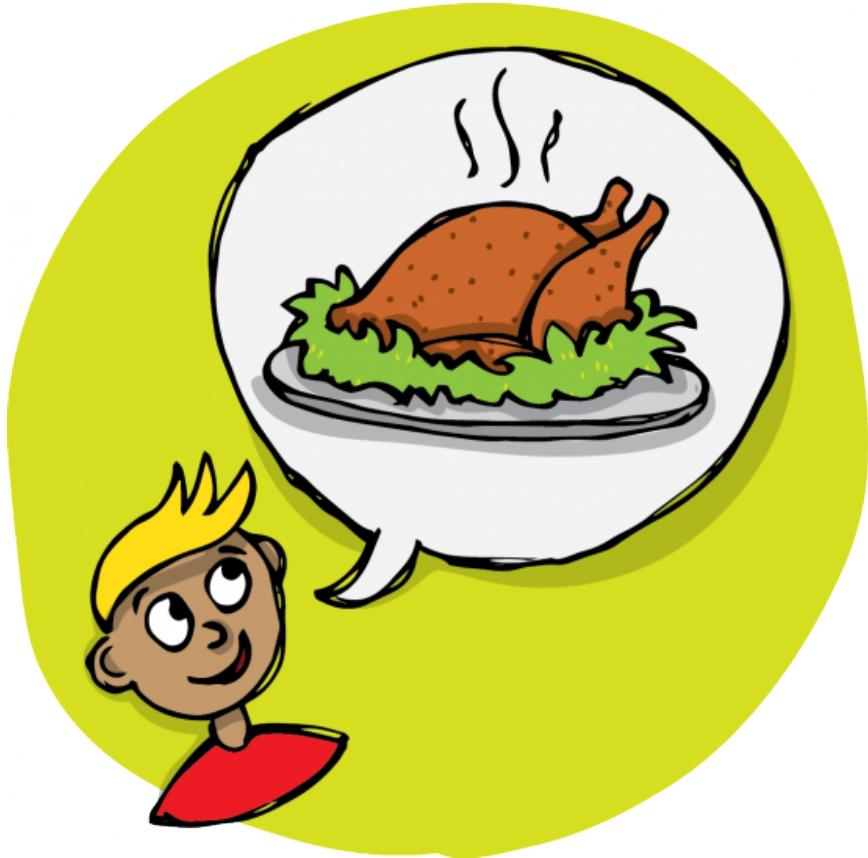
“Sitaondoka kabla
kutoa shukurani zangu
kwa Njiwa. Nitasubiri
hadi atakapokuja
kunywa maji.”

Siku moja aliposubiri,
wavulana wawili
walikuja mtoni wakiwa
na mitego yao.



“Kuna Njiwa mmoja
mweupe ambaye huja
hana kunywa maji,”
mvulana mmoja
alisema.

“Tutamla kwa chakula
cha jioni.”





“Sitawacha wavulana
hao wamuue Njiwa.
Lakini mimi ni mdogo
sana, nitafanyaje?”





Wakati huo huo Njiwa
Mweupe aliruka chini
kutoka mtini kunywa
maji .





Siafu Mdogo alikuwa na
wazo.

Aliurukia mguu wa
mvulana mmoja na
kuuuma kwa nguvu
zake zote.

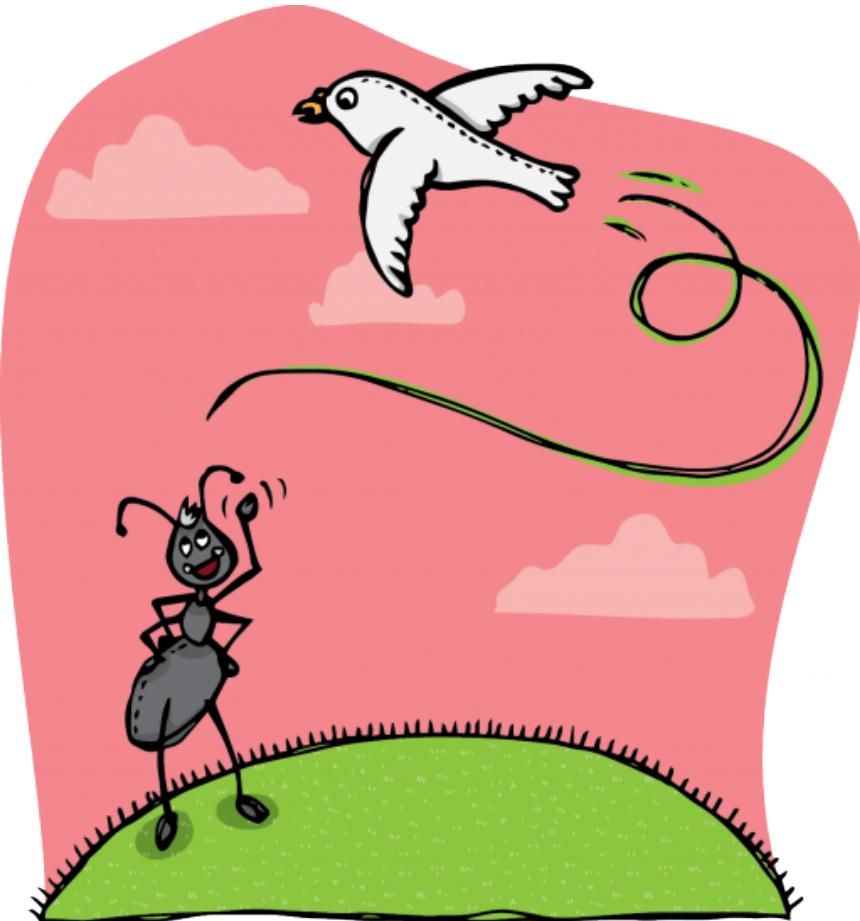




Mvulana huyo aliruka.
“Uuui! Alilia.

Njiwa Mweupe
alishituliwa na
kuondoka kwenda.





Hivyo ndivyo Siafu
Mdogo alimshukuru
Njiwa Mweupe kwa
kumwokoa.

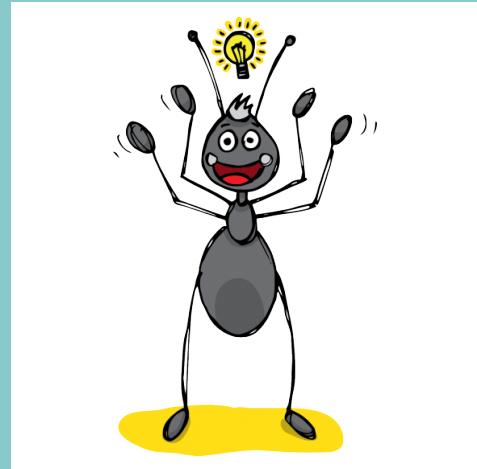
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