

The Ant and the Grasshopper

Winter was coming, and the Ant started to prepare. Every day for a week, it saved 3 tiny seeds.

At the end of the week, the Ant passed the Grasshopper. “Silly ant!” said the Grasshopper. “You work all day, when you could be having fun!” And the Grasshopper laughed and pointed at the ant.

In the second week, the Ant worked even harder. It saved 4 tiny seeds every day. But when the Ant passed the Grasshopper at the end of the week, the Grasshopper laughed and pointed, saying, “Silly Ant!”

In the third week, the Ant worked *even harder*. It save 6 tiny seeds every day. But when the Ant passed the Grasshopper at the end of the week, the Grasshopper laughed and pointed, saying, “Silly Ant!”

Then winter came. The Grasshopper had nothing to eat. It went to the Ant’s hill, and asked if the Ant had any extra seeds for it to eat. And do you know what the Ant said?

“Silly Grasshopper!”

The Ant and the Grasshopper: Questions

Answer the questions below. Defend your answers using the story.
Use scratch paper and draw pictures as necessary.

1. How many seeds did the Ant save in the first week?

2. How many seeds did the Ant save in the second week?

3. How many seeds did the Ant save in the third week?

4. How many seeds did the Ant save in all?

5. Winter lasts for 90 days, and the Ant eats one seed every day. Does the ant have enough food for the winter?

6. Do you think the Ant should give the Grasshopper any seeds? If so, how many?