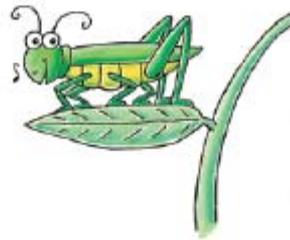


Alpha Level 4

# The Cheerful Cricket

A play



**A** Write the word that matches the meaning.

carry    cheerful    ignore    march    scurry    shiver    grumpy    hurry

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|-------------|---|
| 1) cheerful | full of good spirits, merry                     |
| 2) march    | walk there with very regular steps, as a group. |
| 3) carry    | to transfer from one place to another           |
| 4) hurry    | to carry or cause to go with haste              |
| 5) grumpy   | bad-tempered and feel miserable.                |
| 6) scurry   | to go with light running steps                  |
| 7) shiver   | to shake with or as if with cold; tremble       |
| 8) ignore   | to refuse to pay attention to; disregard        |

**B** Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

share  
promise  
time  
work  
ignored  
marching

- Will you share food with me?
- Your song helped us to get our work done.
- You will know that the cricket is keeping his promise when you hear the cricket singing in summer.
- Where are you marching to on such a nice day?
- Why don't you have time to rest?
- Squirrels ignored the cricket's singing.

**C Complete the sentences using words in the box.**

Word Box

by      away      at      for      to      on

- 1) Mice were **carrying** grain to their hole under the tree.
- 2) Some mice hurried by, looking cross.
- 3) The cricket sat in the tree and **went** on singing.
- 4) Why don't you stop rest for a while.
- 5) The ants smiled at the cheerful cricket and marched in time to his song.
- 6) We don't want to share out food with you. **Go** away!

**D Complete the box.**

**Adverbs** tell you how something happens or how somebody does something.

busy - <u>busily</u>	happy - <u>happily</u>	cheerful - <u>cheerfully</u>
quick - <u>quickly</u>	careful - <u>carefully</u>	slow - <u>slowly</u>

**Choose the right word.**

- 1) A cricket is singing happily.      happy / **happily**
- 2) Some ants came marching busily by.      busy / **busily**
- 3) I always walk slowly.      slow / **slowly**
- 4) Don't eat your dinner quickly.      quick / **quickly**
- 5) We listen carefully when a teacher say something      careful / **carefully**

### A Answer the following questions.

1. Who is always cheerful?
  - a)  A cricket
  - b) An ant
  - c) A squirrel
  - d) A mouse
  
2. Why are mice busy? (pp. 4-5)
  - a) They are busy getting ready for a party.
  - b)  They are busy gathering food for winter.
  - c) They are busy making a house for winter.
  
3. What do squirrels do when the cricket sings happily? (pp. 6-7)
  - a) They stops to listen to music.
  - b) They stops to take a rest.
  - c)  They ignore the cricket's singing.
  
4. Who enjoys the cricket's singing? (pp. 8-9)
  - a)  Ants
  - b) Mice
  - c) Squirrels
  
5. What do ants ask the cricket to do? (pp.14-15)
  - a) They asked the cricket to work hard in summer.
  - b) They asked the cricket to share food with other animals.
  - c)  They asked the cricket to sing for them in summer.

### B Match and complete the sentences.

- |                               |  |   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 1) Mice were carrying..       |  | crumbs to their nest in the tree trunk. |
| 2) Squirrels were carrying... |  | the cricket during long, cold winter.   |
| 3) Ants were carrying....     |  | grain to their hole under the tree.     |
| 4) The ants look after...     |  | acorns along the branches of the tree.  |
| 5) You will see ants nearby,  |  | marching happily in time to his song.   |

**C Making a Story Map**

Fill the story map by writing key words and phrase.

<p><b>Characters</b></p>	<p>Narrator  <u>Cricket</u>, Squirrels, <u>Ants</u>, Mice</p>
<p><b>Summer</b> </p>	<p>The <u>cheerful</u> cricket sat in the tree and went on <u>singing</u>.          But ants, squirrels and mice were busy <u>gathering</u> food for <u>winter</u>.</p>
<p><b>Winter</b> </p>	<p>The cricket ran out of <u>food</u>.          Mice and squirrels didn't <u>share</u> food with the cricket.          Ants gave the cricket food and promised to <u>sing</u> them again.</p>
<p><b>Summer</b> </p>	<p>If you look <u>carefully</u>, you will see ants near by, <u>marching</u> happily in time to the cricket's singing.</p>

**Expressions**

cricket      ants    cheerful    gathering    singing  
 winter      food      carefully    marching

**D Write and Speak.**

Choose and write about words that can describe each character.



**cheerful, happy, joyful**



**grumpy**



**mean**



**kind, diligent**

*Answers can vary*

- cheerful
- happy
- grumpy
- lazy
- diligent
- kind
- joyful
- thankful
- kind
- mean
- warm hearted