

Alpha Level 4

The Cheerful Cricket

A play



A Write the word that matches the meaning.

carry cheerful ignore march scurry shiver grumpy hurry

- 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

1. Will you **share** food with me?
2. Your song helped us to get our **work** done.
3. You will know that the cricket is keeping his **promise** when you hear the cricket singing in summer.
4. Where are you **marching** to on such a nice day?
5. Why don't you have **time** to rest?
6. 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.

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| 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.

Characters	Narrator _____ <u>Cricket</u> _____, Squirrels, _____ <u>Ants</u> _____, Mice
Summer 	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> .
Winter 	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.
Summer 	If you look <u>carefully</u> , you will see ants near by, <u>marching</u> happily in time to the cricket's singing.

cricket ants cheerful gathering singing
winter food carefully marching

Expressions

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