

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)  full of good spirits, merry
- 2)  walk there with very regular steps, as a group.
- 3)  to transfer from one place to another
- 4)  to carry or cause to go with haste
- 5)  bad-tempered and feel miserable.
- 6)  to go with light running steps
- 7)  to shake with or as if with cold; tremble
- 8)  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 _____ food with me?
2. Your song helped us to get our _____ done.
3. You will know that the cricket is keeping his _____ when you hear the cricket singing in summer.
4. Where are you _____ to on such a nice day?
5. Why don't you have _____ to rest?
6. Squirrels _____ 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 _____ their hole under the tree.
- 2) Some mice hurried _____, looking cross.
- 3) The cricket sat in the tree and **went** _____ singing.
- 4) Why don't you stop rest _____ **a while**.
- 5) The ants smiled _____ the cheerful cricket and marched in time to his song.
- 6) We don't want to share out food with you. **Go** _____!

D Complete the box.

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

busy - _____ happy - _____ cheerful - _____
 quick - _____ careful - _____ slow - _____

Choose the right word.

- 1) A cricket is singing _____. **happy / happily**
- 2) Some ants came marching _____ by. **busy / busily**
- 3) I always walk _____. **slow / slowly**
- 4) Don't eat your dinner _____. **quick / quickly**
- 5) We listen _____ 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 _____, Squirrels, _____, Mice
Summer 	The _____ cricket sat in the tree and went on _____. But ants, squirrels and mice were busy _____ food for _____.
Winter 	The cricket ran out of _____. Mice and squirrels didn't _____ food with the cricket. Ants gave the cricket food and promised to _____ them again.
Summer 	If you look _____, you will see ants near by, _____ 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
grumpy
lazy
diligent
kind
joyful
thankful
kind
mean
warm hearted