

The Ant and the Grasshopper (based on a fable by Aesop)

One day in summer a Grasshopper was hopping around a field, singing a song. An Ant passed by¹, it had a cob of corn² on its back.

The Grasshopper asked the Ant: „Why do you carry that heavy cob of corn? You should come and play with me!“

The Ant replied: „I am collecting food for the winter. I recommend³ you to do the same!“

The Grasshopper looked at the Ant and said: „Why should I collect food for the winter? There is enough food for everyone during the summer.“

The Ant only smiled at the Grasshopper and went away.

When the winter came the Grasshopper was so hungry that its belly hurt. The Ant had enough to eat all winter.

¹ to walk by someone

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³ to give someone an advice