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English

Class – VIII

Answer these questions:

Rearrange the following sentences to construct a story. Start with sentence 4.

1. One cold day, a hungry grasshopper came to the anthill and begged for a little something to eat.
2. He replied, "Alas! I spent all my time singing and playing and dancing, and never thought about winter."
3. One ant asked him how he had spent his time during summer and whether he had saved anything for winter.
4. A nest of ants had been occupied all through the summer and autumn collecting food for winter.
5. They carefully stored it in the underground chambers of their home.
6. Then we have nothing to give you.
7. Thus, when winter came, they had plenty to eat.
8. People who play and sing all summer should only dance in winter.
9. The ant answered.

working with the poem

1. The cricket says, "Oh! what will become of me?" When does he say it and why?
2. (i) Find in the poem the lines that mean the same as "Neither a borrower nor a lender be" (Shakespeare).
(ii) What is your opinion of the ant's principles?
3. The ant tells the cricket to "dance the winter away". Do you think the word 'dance' is appropriate here? If so, why?
4. (i) Which lines in the poem express the poet's comment? Read them aloud.
(ii) Write the comment in your own words.