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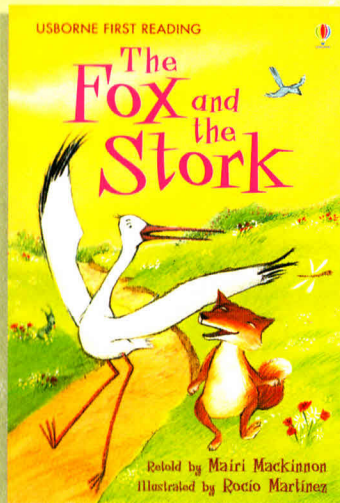
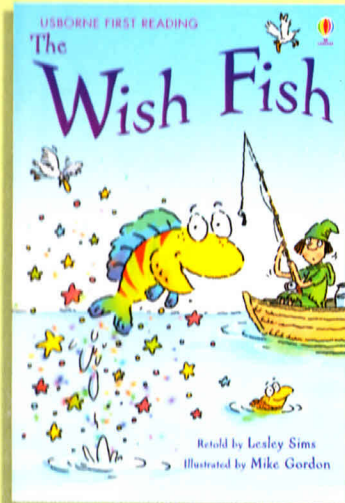
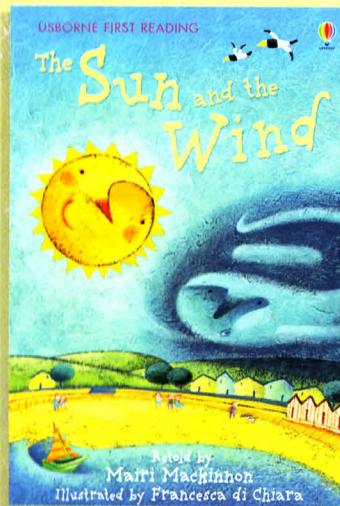
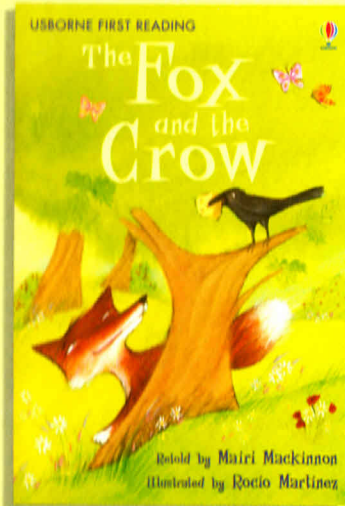


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Grasshopper  
sings in the sun.

Ant works.

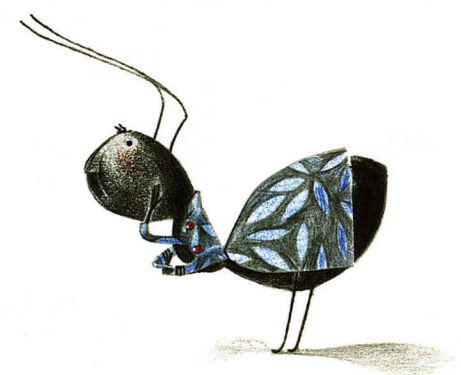




“Play with me,”  
says Grasshopper.



“I can’t,” says Ant.





I need food  
for the  
winter.



But it's  
summer!



“Winter will come,”  
says Ant.

“And you will  
be hungry.”





Grasshopper laughs  
and sings.



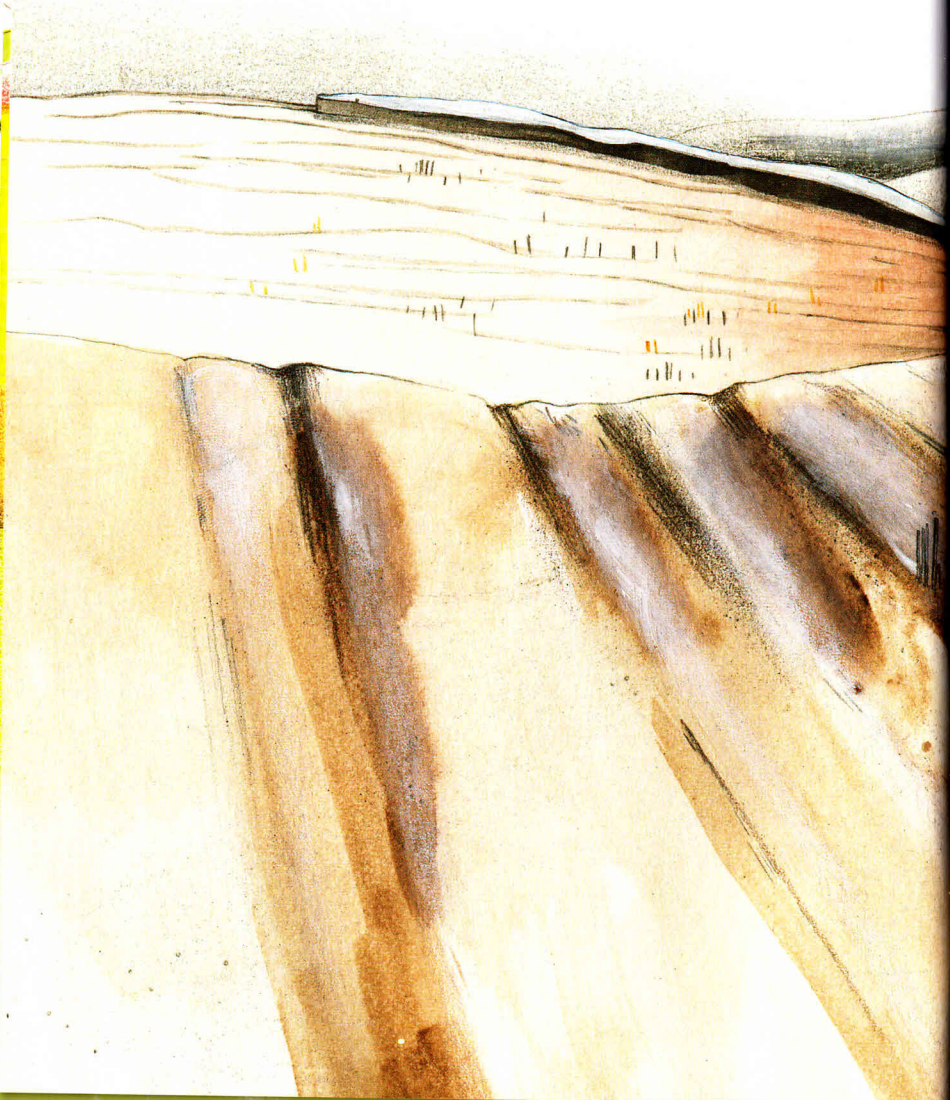
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Ant carries more corn.



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Winter comes.



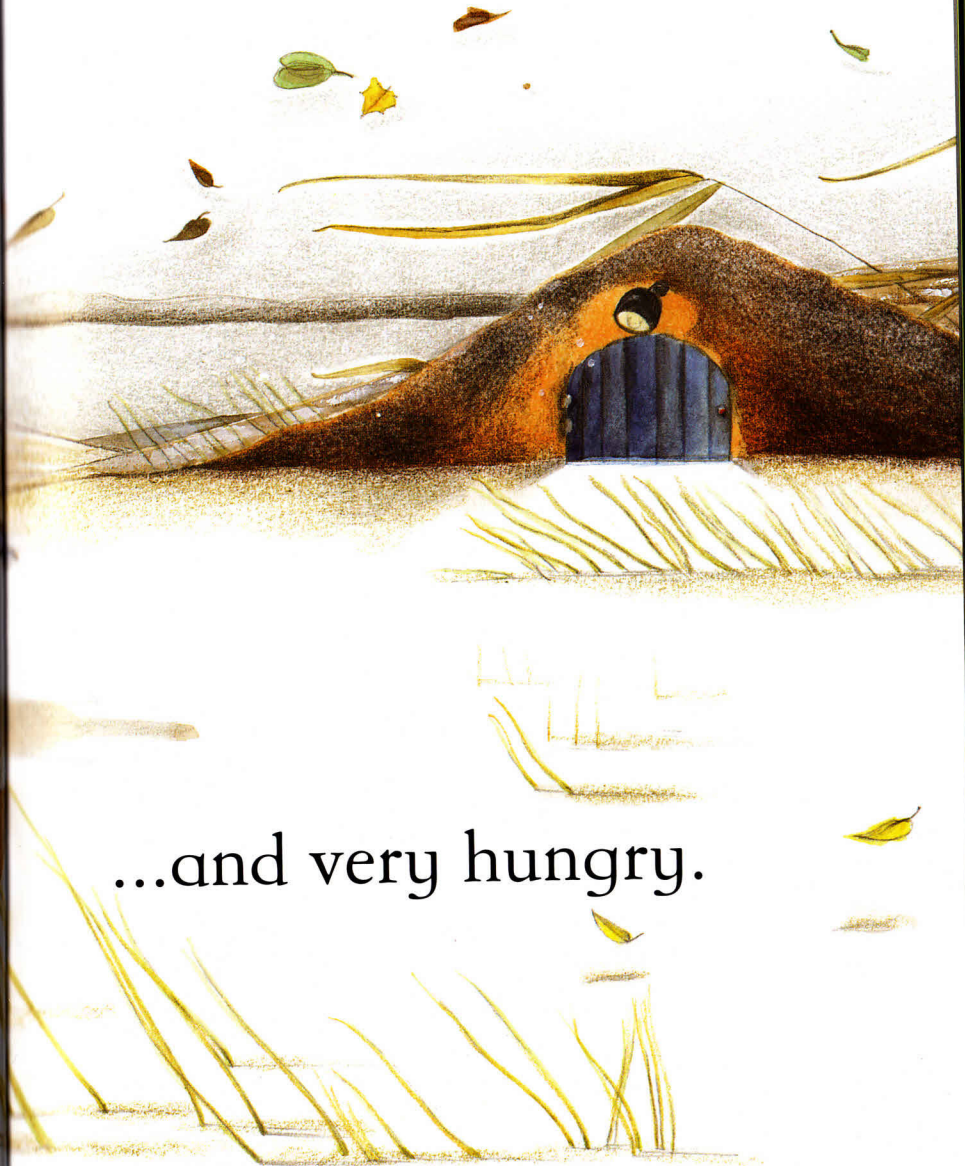
Ant is happy.



Grasshopper is cold...



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...and very hungry.

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“Come inside,” says Ant.

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“Thank you,” says  
Grasshopper.



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“Next summer  
I’ll work too.”

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# PUZZLES

## Puzzle 1

What is Grasshopper doing?  
Match the words to  
the pictures.



A



B



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feeling cold

singing

resting

talking

C



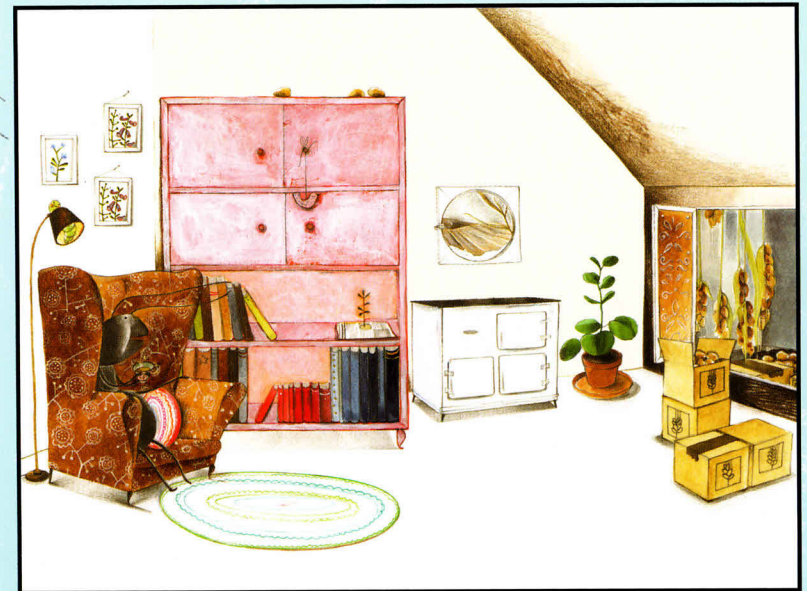
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## Puzzle 2

Help Grasshopper spot the differences. There are six to find.





# Puzzle 3

Choose the best sentence in each picture.

A



B



C



D



# Answers to puzzles

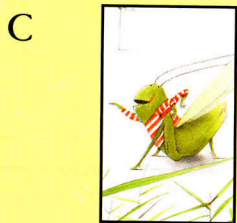
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singing



resting

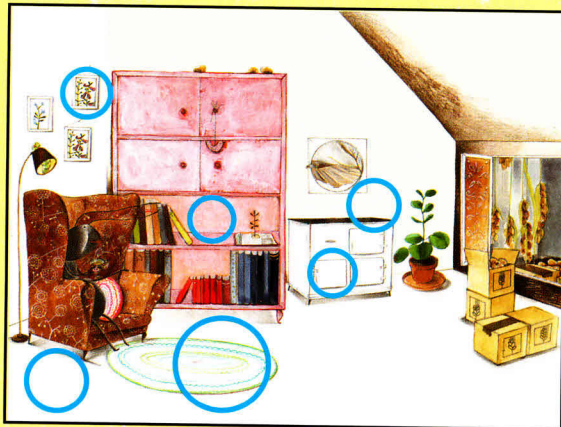


talking



feeling cold

## Puzzle 2



## Puzzle 3



Stop working.



I'm hungry.



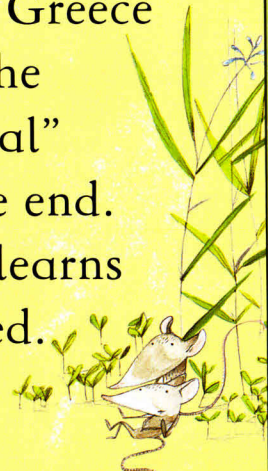
I love singing.

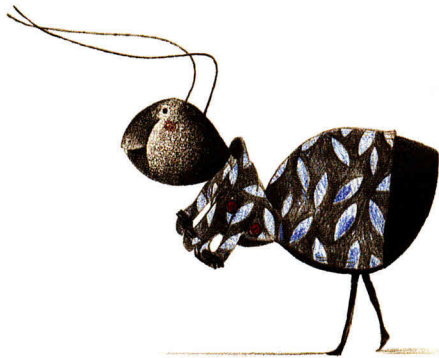


Have some corn.

## About the story


*The Ant and the Grasshopper* is one of Aesop's Fables, a collection of stories first told in Ancient Greece around 4,000 years ago. The stories always have a "moral" (a message or lesson) at the end. In this story, Grasshopper learns that it is best to be prepared.





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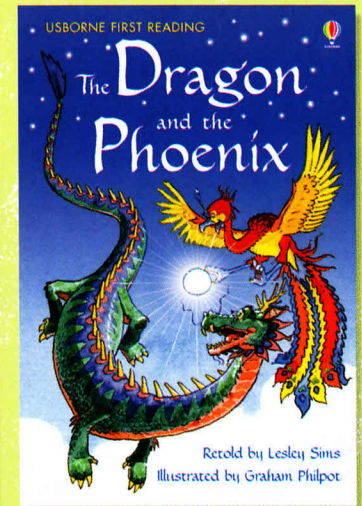
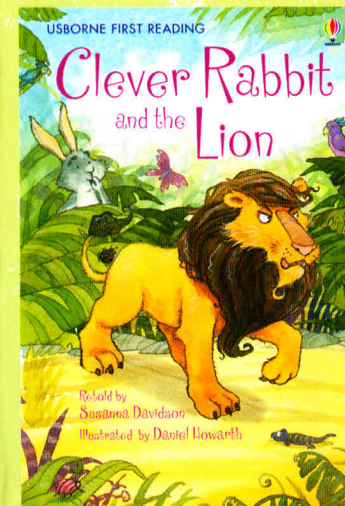
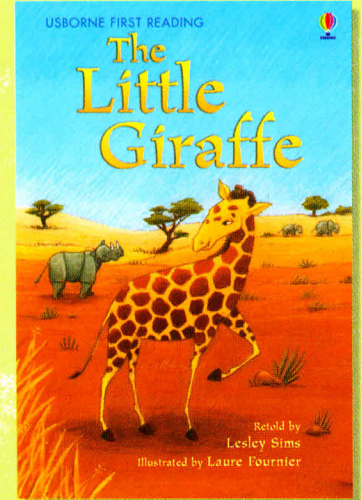
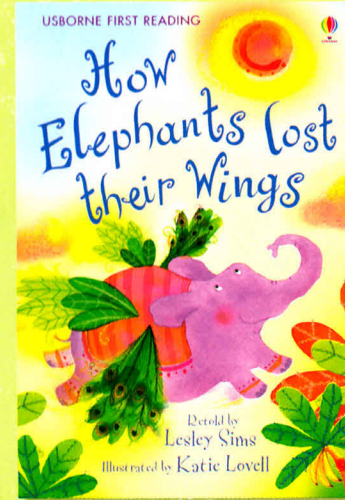
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over how to spend the summer.  
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